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Graham French

French joins reborn Hakoah

Big striker Graham French of South Melbourne Hellas last week became the seventh new player to join Victorian State League club Hakoah.

The others are John Daperis and Anton Dosen from Hellas, Mike Clarey from Mooroolbark, Stratos Adamakis from Footscray J.U.S.T., Bill Whitehead from Fitzroy Alexander and Sean Rooney from Melbourne.

Rothmans Medalist David Baker has returned to the club after announcing his retirement last year.

The rebirth of Hakoah has been inspired by new president Dennis Krongold, director of the Minster Carpets Company.

Krongold is sparing no expense to lift Hakoah to the top of the State League.

French, for example, cost the club \$6000.

What's more, a highly lucrative bonus system has been drawn up for the players and there's the possibility of an end-of-season trip should they win the league.

Krongold became Hakoah's chairman on March 13 and has since done wonders.

"I was told Hakoah was about to fold up, and I wasn't about to let that happen," he said.

Krongold played hockey for Hakoah 15 years ago, was also in the Hakoah-Ajax Australian Rules team and played table tennis for the club.

Graham French, who was top scorer in the State League in 1976, transferred to Hellas for \$10,000 at the start of the 1977 Phillips League season.



• CHARLTON

Bobby Charlton's tour scrapped, and now ...

HAJDUK'S OFF TOO!

Hajduk Split and Bobby Charlton's All-Stars won't tour Australia after all.

Hajduk was to have played in Sydney on June 4 and in Melbourne soon after.

Bobby Charlton's All-Stars, who lost 1-2 in Australia last year, were to have played in Adelaide and Melbourne next month.

The All-Stars wanted to come a little later, because some of their members were required for postponed league games in England.

However, Victoria

could not have accommodated them later because of commitments to Derby County which plays in Melbourne on May 21.

The All-Stars were to have included Bobby Moore, Peter Lorimer, Bobby and Jackie Charlton, Alex Stepney, Brian Kidd and German international Wolfgang Overath.

Hajduk's tour was called off when the Yugoslav FA announced it requires six Hajduk players for a Mid-East tour by the Yugoslav national team.

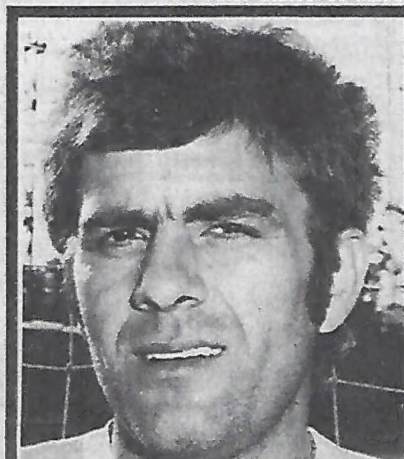
The NSW and Victorian Federations felt it would be unfair to the public to present a Hajduk team without its best players.

NSW is now trying to organise a tour by a replacement team.

Derby will play in Sydney on May 14, in Newcastle on May 17, Melbourne on May 21 and Adelaide on May 24. The Derby team will include winger Gordon Hill, transferred from Manchester United for \$450,000.

Then comes the visit by the Greek national team. Greece will play against Australian eleven in Melbourne on June 11 and in Sydney on June 18. The only full international between Australia and Greece will

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Roberto Vieri — he's scored the first 10-point rating of the year.



Marconi, standing from left: Dragan Tomasic, Paul Degnoy, David Polzot, Ralo Rasic, Fabio Fabrianesi, Allan Maher, Mark Jankovic, John Russell, Ivo Prskalo, Bertie Mariani. Front: Peter Brogan, Richie Williams, Gary Byrne, Stewart Solvage, Jimmy Rooney, Peter Sharne, Roberto Vieri, Barry Jones. Minerva Studio photo.

Macedonians fly in to join Preston

Victorian State League club Preston Makedonia will be strengthened this week by the arrival of two players from the Macedonian State League.

They are Mitko Saveski, 26, a left winger

and Dragan Blasevski, 27, a centre back, both from the Ohrid club.

Makedonia has been struggling since the start of the league season, despite a good run in the Ampol Cup.

Club supporters have been crying out for the inclusion of Macedonian players, so the arrival of Saveski and Blasevski should guarantee increased support.

Both players are likely to make their debut against Slavia at Connor Reserve, Reservoir on Sunday.

See full State League round-up on page 11.

Wests the danger

challenger is Western Suburbs, three points behind in second place.

Hellas is now five points behind and faces another tough match against Hakoah in Sydney on Sunday.

See full reports on pages 4 & 5.

Marconi's only

performance in that game earned him the first 10-point rating of 1978 in the Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award (see page 2).

Tattslotto 'win' a costly joke

Western Suburbs (Vic.) midfielder Steve Moore will be wary next time someone tells him he's won Tattslotto.

Moore was told by his flat-mate Mick O'Halloran, who plays for Moore's old club, Slavia, that he'd got six numbers in Tattslotto.

Thinking he was half way to being a millionaire, Moore started celebrating. He rang relatives in Britain to tell them of the good news, running up a phone

bill. He played for Wests against Doveton the next day, and according to coach Tony Vrzina he missed several easy goals because he was 'thinking about all his money.'

Can you imagine Moore's anger when on Monday night he was told by O'Halloran that he hadn't won a cent, and that it was a practical joke?

O'Halloran's stunt cost Moore \$70 in telephone calls but Vrzina is also upset about the dropped point against Doveton, which could have been saved if Moore had been firing.



Steve Moore

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Games

This week's Phillips League games:

IN MELBOURNE

J.U.S.T. v St George, Middle Park, Saturday.

IN SYDNEY

Marconi v W. Adel Hellas, Marconi Oval, Sunday.

Hakoah-East v St Melb Hellas, Wentworth Park, Sunday.

Sydney Olympic v Alexander, Barton Park, Sunday.

IN ADELAIDE

Adelaide Juventus v West Subs, Olympic Sports Field, Sunday.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane City v Canberra, Perry Park, Sunday.

IN NEWCASTLE

Newcastle v Brisbane Lions, International Sports Centre, Saturday.

STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY				
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A
Marconi	3	1	0	14	5	3	1	0	8	0 22 5 14
West Suburbs	2	3	0	9	6	2	0	1	6	6 15 12 11
St Melb Hellas	1	2	2	5	6	2	1	0	5	1 10 7 9
Hakoah-East	0	1	2	2	5	3	1	1	12	6 14 11 8
Canberra	0	5	0	8	8	1	1	1	5	5 13 13 8
Syd Olympic	1	0	3	5	7	2	2	0	4	2 9 9 8
W. Adel Hellas	1	0	3	5	7	2	2	0	4	2 9 9 8
Brisbane Lions	0	3	1	3	6	2	1	1	9	8 12 14 8
St George	2	0	2	3	6	1	1	2	4	4 10 10 7
Adel Juventus	0	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	6	6 9 9 7
Footscray JUST	0	1	2	1	5	2	2	1	4	5 5 10 7
Brisbane City	2	0	2	5	5	1	0	3	4	7 9 12 6
Newcastle	0	1	2	2	6	1	3	1	7	9 9 15 6
Fitz Alexander	1	1	2	3	6	0	2	2	3	9 6 15 5

Philips League team of week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of week:

UT JESENOVIC (1) (St Geo)	MAHER (1) (Marc)	PERRY (3) (Bris City)	HERMISTON (1) (Bris Lions)	HAGEMANOULI (1) (S.M.H.)
PICIOANE (2) (J.U.S.T.)	VIERI (5) (Marc)	ROONEY (1) (Marc)		
SHARNE (2) (Marc)	NORTHCOTE (2) (Ad Juve)	O'CONNOR (2) (St Geo)		

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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

ST. GEORGE 2 (O'Connor 2 pens)
FITZROY ALEXANDER 0, at Barton Park, Sydney.
Crowd 2160.

Ratings by Alex Vesic:

ST. GEORGE: Coe 7, Utjesenovic 7, Grosse 7, Harrie 7, Terry 7, J. O'Shea 7, Gnavi 8, Jones 6 (Djuric 66th minute), R. O'Shea 6, Morgan 7, O'Connor 8.
ALEXANDER: Marner 6, O'Reilly 5, McMillen 7, Tansley 6, Proven 7, Bannion 6, Taylor 5, Campbell 5, Micevski 6 (Solemnly 71st minute), Cole 7, Bozika 5.

WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Harding, Eaton, Fisher).
HAKOAH 2 (Campbell, Silva) at Marconi Oval.
Ratings by Peter Scott:

WESTERN SUBURBS: Woodhouse 6, Skellern 6, Turnbull 6, Noble 7, Wilson 8, Harding 7, Fisher 5, Stone 6, Scott 7, Eaton 8, O'Donnell 7.
HAKOAH: Clarke 6, Illingworth 5, Thomson 7, O'Connor 5, Mowbray 5, Stevenson 7, Barnes 6, Mullen (B. Smith 6th minute), Watson 7, Campbell 6, Silva 6.

BRISBANE LIONS 4 (Fairbrother, Hughes, Ontong, Lazlo) v SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Ainslie, Wilson) at Erskineville Oval, Sydney. Crowd 3865.

Ratings by John Taylor:

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 7, Venables 7, Hermiston 8, Bennett 8, Potter 7, Neale 7, Spearritt 7, Ontong 7 (Laurie 72nd minute), Hughes 7, Morris 5 (Fairbrother 6 30th minute), Lazlo 6.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 6, Palmer 7, G. Allan 6, McIntosh 6, Cross 7, Laing 7, Markland 6, Jamieson 6, Ainslie 7, D. Allan (Botham 5 34th minute), Senkalski 5, (Wilson — 67th minute).

CANBERRA CITY 1 (Starke) v FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Picioane) at Bruce Stadium, Canberra. Crowd 5020.
Ratings by Peter Windsor:

Canberra: Ron Tilised 7, Moulis 6, Milovanovic 6, Hogg 6, Brown 7, Gruicic 6, Henderson 7, Cant 8, Starke 8, Stoddart 6, Heywood 8.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 9, Hazabent 6, Lujic 6, Kondaric 6, Rulovic 7, Palinkas 7, Iliaski 8, Picioane 8, Vesic 7, Nicholaidis 6, Krlaric 6.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (McGachey).
BRISBANE CITY 0, at Perry Park, Brisbane. Crowd 4200.
Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8, Lozell 6, Perry 9, Tokesi 6, Lavelle 6 (Kibbey 66th minute), Goffney 7, Pimblett 7,

Fagan 6, Echeverria 7, Johnston 6 (Caldwell) Conner 7.
WEST ADELAIDE — Crook 7, Reynolds 6, Jones 8, Kampas 8, Tymczyszyn 7, Boyle 8, McGachey 7, Honeyman 6, Bozanic 6, Pillana 8, McGregor 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 MARCONI 3 (Sharne, Vieri pen., Jankovic) at Middle Park, crowd 17,228 (PSL record).

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
HELLAS: Hansen 7, Pye 5, Kalafatis 7, Baxter 6, Hagemanoulis 8, Lutton 7, Wright 8, Rogers 6, Cummings 7, Ollerton 7, Kent 8.

MARCONI: Maher 9, Praskalo 8, Jones 6, Russell 7, Richards 8, Degney 6, Rooney 8, Vieri 10, Jankovic 7, Mariani 7, Sharne 9.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (B. Nyakohus) NEWCASTLE 1 (Galpin) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd 5,123.

Players' ratings by Meno Toutalidis:
JUVENTUS: Marshall 7, B. Nyakohus 9, Yung 7, Beel 7, Lister 8, Perin 7, Melita 6 (Koleckil), Marwe 8, Marocchil 7, J. Nyakohus 7, Northcote 8.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Willis 7, Endacott 7, Mason 7, Summerscales 7, Drinkwater 7, Hardes 7, Curran 7, Galpin 8, Boden 7, Amey 7.

VIERI LEADS

Leading averages in the JAT — 'Soccer Action' player of the year award are —

6.1 Vieri (Marc), Boden (Newc),
8 Perry (Brisb City), Kampas (W.A.H.)

7.5 Gaffney (Brisb City), Tilied (Can), Byrne (Can),
Marwe (Ad Juve), Hansen (S.M.H.), Lutton (S.M.H.)

7.4 Palinkas (J.U.S.T.), Kalafatis (S.M.H.),
7.3 Conner (Brisb City), Richards (Marc), Meier (Syd Oly), McGachey (W.A.H.)

7.2 Wishart (Brisb City), Pimblett (Brisb City), Marley (Brisb City), McKenzie (Brisb Lions), Stark (Can),
Heywood (Can), Henderson (Can), Lujic (J.U.S.T.), Maher (Marc), Degney (Marc), Byrne (Marc), Stevenson (Hak), B.

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Tony Boggi — former national coach.

Kenny Burns Britain's best

LONDON, — Kenny Burns of Nottingham Forest, has been voted British Footballer of the Year, by members of the Football Writers' Association.



Kenny Burns

Refs upset

Fitzroy Alexander's \$5000 fine over the crowd attack on referee David Yelland was "ludicrous" and "totally inadequate," referees' spokesman, Bob Randall, said last week.

Mr Randall, president of the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation, said in a press statement:

"Firstly, we find it difficult to comprehend why the investigation was held in Sydney, over 500 miles away from the scene of the crime. (Physical assault is a crime). The members of the investigation committee were flown in from several States. Surely it would have been just as simple for the committee to have met in Melbourne. But, then, if they had followed this format, it would have been more embarrassing not to have the referee, his two linesmen and the P.S.L. inspector attend the hearing. "We would point out that these four gentlemen were appointed by the P.S.L. as their official representatives

to the game, but when the investigation was held, they were not called to attend.

"We observe the names of the persons sitting in judgement at the investigation. They are senior officials of the P.S.L. clubs. Many of those clubs have long records of violence towards referees. Also to our knowledge, one of those persons was suspended for a period of years for assaulting a referee. "The fine of \$5000 is neither a punishment nor a deterrent. This amount can be raised by the club in a few hours by making collections in the various cafes and coffee lounges frequented by their supporters.

"The P.S.L. itself will increase its funds by that amount but the referee who was injured and lost financially by not being able to attend his employment received only his match fee. He is not covered by any insurance policy held by the P.S.L. "So with these facts in mind, how can we or any other sporting body consider the findings of the P.S.L. anything else but ridiculous?"

Tony Boggi of Fitzroy Alexander is well aware of this harsh reality.

However, the irrepressible, likeable Italian remains philosophical and good-humoured in the face of all adversity.

He is no newcomer to this game. He knows the soccer is as unpredictable as a woman.

"Our luck has been down in the early part of the season," he says. "Things haven't been going particularly well, partly because we've not been getting the breaks.

"What's more, we had that stupid riot after the game against Adelaide Hellas, and the next week Branko Buljevic was carried off after only four minutes with a bad knee injury against Canberra.

"Peter Blasby's form in goal was also down, which is why I gave newcomer, Jim Marner, a chance.

"However, I'm sure things will come good for us."

Boggi has also lost his assistant coach, Bobby McLachlan, who left to coach State League team Juventus.

"I was sorry to see Bobby go," said Tony, "but he likes to do his own thing as far as coaching is concerned. There are no hard feelings and he's a good mate."

Boggi said he was looking for a new assistant coach, but that he didn't have anyone in mind at this stage.

"I've been busy at training since Bobby left," said Tony. "I used to be able to take six or seven of the boys and do some tactical work, while Bobby kept the others working. I can't do that now."



Former Soccer forward, Tommy McColl — played under Boggi.

Boggi said that the players can do better and have the ability to lift Alexander up the ladder.

"The middle of the defence can still improve," said Boggi, "but I wouldn't think of switching Jim Tansey from full back into the middle. He's too valuable where he is. A lot of the goals we score are thanks to Jim."

Indeed, Tansey has been the best Alexander player by far this season, and his deep crosses and overlapping runs are a feature of Alexander attacks.

Boggi, although Italian-born, has many features of a true-blue Aussie. He calls a spade a spade, and can share a joke even when the chips are down.

He started his coaching career in 1964 at Triestina, which was in the State League when Boggi took over with three matches to go. However, the club was already doomed to relegation. Triestina finished third in the First Division and managed to stay around the top. Some of the players who played under Boggi at Triestina were Noel Kenny, Ian Gow, Reg Griggs, Wally Patterson, Ernie Gross (a goalkeeper who represented Victoria), and Jim Juarez.

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Doveton (Vic) has transferred Tommy Spalding (midfielder or left back), Godwin Hill (Doveton's leading goalscorer last season), Ian Shanks (former Frankston and Melbourne midfielder), and Bill Garland (defender). Interested clubs should contact 792 4322.

TONY BOGGI: MAN IN THE HOT SEAT

By KYLE PATTERSON

A coach whose team struggles near the bottom of the league at the start of the season is invariably in the hot seat.

The coach himself may not be to blame, but it is a cold fact of life that he is often made the scapegoat.



Brendon Grosse — Boggi says he wasn't given a fair go.

However, Boggi moved to Juventus to take over the reserve team. Vic Janczyk, the former Victoria and Colonia star, was first team coach at the time but Boggi succeeded him in 1970.

That year, Juventus made a clean sweep of the honors. It won the State League (by 15 points), the State League Cup and the Dockery Cup and also beat NSW champion, Yugal.

The playing staff under Boggi included some great players — Tommy McColl, the former Soccercoo, Sandy Irvine, who represented Victoria and is now with Frankston City (State League), George Kinnell, Jack Goodwin, Jack Reilly, who played for Australia in the 1974 World Cup finals in Munich, and Gareth Salisbury.

Boggi's name went into the record books as one of the most successful coaches in Victorian soccer history.

"It was very hard coaching that team," said Tony. "Juventus had so many good players, it was difficult to pick the team. I had to try to maintain the balance and the happiness of the side. In one game, I even had McColl, a brilliant player, on the bench."

Tony singles out McColl and Kinnell as the best players in that 1970 Juve team.

"McColl had so much skill and natural ability," said Tony. "He had the knack of scoring goals, and was our match winner."

"Kinnell was the tower of strength in defence." Boggi coached Juventus until 1972, when he decided he needed a rest.

However, it was not long before he was back on the soccer scene — as coach of Frankston, Kellor-Austria and Alexander.

In 1973, he was appointed Victorian State coach. Once again he was successful.

Victoria managed to beat the touring Bristol Rovers 2-1, in what was the State's only win over a touring British side.

The next step up for Boggi was to the national team coaching job, a position that was given to him in a caretaker capacity after the controversial Brian Green quit and returned to England.

In four matches under Boggi, Australia won two games, drew one and lost one. One of the victories was against Glasgow Rangers, who went down to the Soccercoos 1-2 in Brisbane.

Parlane was the most impressive Rangers player.

"Parlane was playing really well and was a deadly striker," said Tony. "He's fallen away recently, though."

Colin Stein and John Greig, "the hard man" also caught Tony's eye. For Australia, Peter Ollerton (South Melbourne Hellas), Ray Richards (marconi), Jimmy Rooney (Marconi) and Brendan Grosse (St George) were the best players.

"Grosse was only a youngster at the time," said Tony, "but he hasn't been

given a chance in national sides since then."

Australia's other results with Boggi at the helm were: v. China 1-0, v. Glasgow Rangers (in Sydney) 0-1, v. Benfica 2-2.

However, even though Boggi was successful as national team boss, he wouldn't want such a job. "Unless you did the job full time, didn't have any family commitments, and were paid very well," said Boggi, "it's not worth it."

While Marconi has become Alexander's bogey team, Boggi has a big respect for the Sydney club's midfield star, Roberto Vieri.

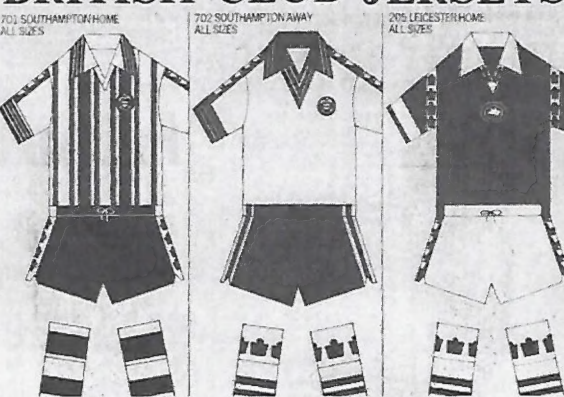
"He's an old man," said Boggi, "and he's not as fit as the others, but he can still make people look stupid with his skills. He reads the game so well that he doesn't have to do too much running."

"He's the best player I've seen in the P.S.L." Even though he still has the task of lifting Alexander, the irrepressible Boggi will still be managing a few laughs.



George Kinnell—mainstay of Boggi's 1970 Juventus team. Kinnell later played for Western Suburbs and Marconi in Sydney.

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akoah meets new players

By PETER SCOTT

Last year's champion, Hakoah, will be hard pushed to repeat its success — unless there is an almost immediate infusion of new talent into the squad.

This is the obvious lesson from the Blues' 3-2 defeat at the hands of Western Suburbs at Marconi Oval last Sunday — a defeat which left the champions' players, and officials' bitter and despondent.

West's, on the other hand, made a generally good impression in weathering the early storm of Hakoah attacks and later racing to a commanding lead.

However, the talk of soccer circles is the inconsistency of the defending league champions this year.

The club's leadership is known to be seriously concerned about the situation and an active recruiting campaign is underway overseas.

The question is whether the new recruits will arrive in time to salvage the fading hopes of a second straight premiership victory.

West's bounced back from their annihilation by championship favorites Marconi the week before to snatch the two invaluable points.

However, for a long time in the first half they had to hang on grimly in the face of an ambitious and skilful Hakoah onslaught.

Once they grabbed the lead Mike Lalang's men played composed and confident soccer.

Perhaps they became too confident as they allowed a groggy and beaten Hakoah to pick themselves off the line in the last 15 minutes and almost grab a point.

Hakoah were still handicapped by the absence through injury of high-scoring Terry Smith and also had to do without Alan Kershaw, who got a bad knock against Adelaide City Juventus a week earlier.

Gerry Chaldi employed an interesting tactical innovation, hoping to perk up his midfield's performance, by moving Kevin Hughes forward and naming young Jeff Illingworth in the starting line-up.

West's welcomed Bobby Noble back to their defence but had an unknown quantity between the sticks in the person of Greg Woodhouse.

The match started off tragically for Hakoah when Sullivan suffered an injury in the first tackle of the match.

He hobbled around for a few more minutes but was eventually replaced by Bobby Smith, who thus had the strange experience of being dropped from the side for all of six minutes.

The match quickly developed into a midfield battle, Hakoah getting the upper hand, with Johnny Stevenson in his element.

Woodhouse was tested several times and was often found wanting — especially in the air — but was saved by excellent cover defence, including a heart-stopping moment in the 26th minute when Stevenson's well-placed header was nodded off the line by Noble.

Hakoah kept on battering away to no avail, their attacking moves eye-catching but rather slow in developing.

The feeling that West's may just manage to get on top was justified in extremely controversial circumstances 10 minutes from half-time.

Referee Henry Witschger earned the ire of Hakoah supporters, players and officials by overruling a linesman who judged both Peter Stone and David Harding to be off-side.

Stone drew the desperately advancing Todd Clarke out of position, slipped the ball to Harding and the latter's teammate, Peter Crook, pushed it into the open net.

Whether the West's players were offside or not — and it was a very close decision, indeed — will be argued for a time.

However, the Hakoah defence committed the cardinal sin of not



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playing the 'whistle', paying a heavy penalty for it.

The Blues swung back and had West's hanging on desperately as Silva, Barnes and Stevenson came close, but the shock of the scoring incident did not wear off quickly enough.

West's capitalised on the psychological effect of their goal to increase the tally in the 43rd minute.

British import Andy Scott was chased down the left wing by Eddie Thomson, the latter delaying his tackle long enough for Scott to pass across a sharp ball.

Todd Clarke was expected to gather it safely, but the over-enthusiastic defender hit him, hitting the ball into the top of the net.

And Hakoah's woes were still not over.

Thomson was only just tipped when his header was denied over the cross-bar by Woodhouse after the resumption and, in the 51st minute the Hakoah defence was ripped to shreds, allowing an otherwise unimpressive Alan Fisher to get his name among the scorers.

Hakoah, in an increasingly desperate frame of mind, kept

plugging away, but one suspects without much faith on turning the tide.

Wests pushed the ball around with confidence and also started waging time, thereby managing to upset their own majestic rhythm — and suddenly Hakoah was back with a chance.

With only 12 minutes left Ernie Campbell scored a fine goal, gently lobbing into the net a long cross from the other side of the pitch.

The former Marconi star combined neatly with Silva two minutes later to set up an absolute sitter for Stevenson, who just failed to connect.

Moments later Barnes nearly shattered the crossbar with a drive that rebounded into play. West's at this stage were hanging on, using every trick of the trade, which finally earned Harding the dreaded yellow card.

Success was theirs, though, in spite of a glorious goal by Silva four minutes from the end. It was just too late for the champs, who will be licking their wounds this week, before the all-important clash with David Macfarlane's Hellas from South Melbourne on Sunday.

As for West's, they deserved to win, capitalising on the moments of good fortune which came their way, and showing their heads under pressure and giving the impression of a workmanlike team, with a generous leaving of

Scott, Wilson, Stone and Harding. It will surprise if they are not among the Big Four at year's end. In the meantime, what odds Marconi for the championship?



Brendan Grosse fails to stop Fitzroy Alexander's Mike Micevski from crossing the ball but Andy Bozikas (right) is too far behind. Picture by ALEX VESIC

St. George starts to look better

By ALEX VESIC

St George celebrated its first win on its new home ground with two goals from the penalty spot by left winger Phil O'Connor.

The first 25 minutes of play were scrappy, with neither side able to combine well and create openings. Phil O'Connor tried and managed to give Rob O'Shea an opening in the eighth minute, but the shot by O'Shea hit the side netting. Others tried, not very hard, I must add, to provide some semblance of attack for the 2000-plus spectators.

Then in the 26th minute, a crossed ball to Bozikas on the left flank was handled by George Harris and things lived up. Harris was booked and so was Pat Bannon for a foul on Rob O'Shea in the same minute.

Micevski and Cole combined well, with Cole finding Bozikas inside the box. In the 27th minute, Alexander's striker shot on the run, but the ball hit the side netting.

St George dominated the last 15 minutes of the first half, scoring the

first goal in the 36th minute. Paul Jones hit a scorcher from about 30 metres out. Jim Marnier fingered the ball for a corner. The ball floated to 'Nitty' New Morgan, whose header was saved on the line by Arthur McMillan. However, the defender had made an unfortunate error, using his hands instead of his head and referee Wilkinson pointed to the spot.

O'Connor converted and St George were one up.

In the 39th minute St George should have gone further ahead. George Harris centred to the near post, where O'Connor glanced the ball towards the far corner. Goalkeeper Marnier managed only to palm the ball to the feet of John O'Shea, but the St. George player decided to return the favour and pushed the ball back to Marnier, with the goal wide open.

The last minute of the first half saw Bozikas elude Doug Utjesenovic, but his shot from 14 metres grazed the outside of the upright.

Five minutes into the second half, John O'Shea latched onto a long pass by Gnavi, and a goal seemed inevitable. Somehow Tansey managed to "reach" for O'Shea's legs just outside the box. Tansey became the third victim of the "yellow card", while St George was deprived of a certain goal.

Gnavi sent another perfect pass in the 59th minute — this time to Paul Jones. It was a case of "misses if you possibly can", and Mr. Jones obliged by lobbing the goalkeeper and missing the near post by quite a few metres!

Ten minutes later John O'Shea accepted a pass from St George replacement forward Zoran Djurdic, and again Alexander's defensive wall was beaten, but O'Shea hesitated and allowed Pat Bannon to recover and push the ball over the line for a corner.

In the 71st minute Gnavi and Provan were booked, and the latter for retaliation.

20: In the 76th minute referee Wilkinson pointed to the spot again, after Tansey had brought down O'Connor in the penalty area. O'Connor converted and the game, as far as both teams were concerned, died there and then.

In the 89th minute O'Connor came close to scoring a hat-trick, while Djurdic tested Marnier with a powerful shot in the last minute of the game.

A total of 2160 spectators had little to cheer about as neither team produced the brand of soccer needed to win greater support. St

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George, at least, with Gnavi at his best, showed glimpses of the form that won so many games in brilliant fashion, but only in the latter part of the first half and for parts of the second half.

As for Alexander, they were a disjointed team without a general and without a concept of play. Cole, Provan, McMillan and Bannon tried, but the rest of the team did not support them.

Utjesenovic for St George was far happier as a sweeper, while the use of Neville Morgan as an extra defender was effective. With Gnavi and O'Connor playing so well, and on the condition that the O'Shea brothers put their shooting boots on, St George can look to better things.



Doug Utjesenovic — affective as sweeper.

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Fairbrother, Ontong score for the Lions

By JOHN TAYLOR

A three-goal scoring spree in 10 minutes by Brisbane Lions sounded the death knell for Sydney Olympic at Erskineville Oval.

Lions, who rather enjoy their visits to Sydney, beat Olympic 4-2 after holding a 3-0 lead at half time. This match produced some wonderful goals and had the fans staying right until the end.

Olympic had a great chance to snatch a draw four minutes from full time, but Stuart Markland, left all on his own in front of the Lions' box, shot over the bar.

But on the day Lions deserved to collect the two points. Olympic have only themselves to blame simply because they failed to exploit a spreadeagled Lions defence early in the match.

Joe Senkalski failed to put away a goal after two minutes which could have made all the difference. Markland created a beautiful opening for Senkalski on the left, but the young striker failed miserably to finish it off and hit a soft straight to Lions goalkeeper Nigel Louisa.

When Lions settled down, and with Geoff Morris making a lot of play, Olympic were put under pressure.

In fact, there were a lot of gaps appearing at the back for Olympic and it took only a matter of time before Lions would score.

Alan Hughes had a great chance in the 13th minute but he couldn't bring the ball under control. Olympic had another close shave when fullback Mike Cross cleared off the line in the 30th minute.

But Olympic paid a dear price for failing to mark the Lions players closely.

There was perhaps a touch of luck to Lions first goal by substitute Barrie Fairbrother (ex-Mooroolbark) in the 31st minute, but certainly nothing so lucky about the goals by Kevin Hughes and another former Mooroolbark player Paul Ontong.

Fairbrother replaced Morris, who had bronchial problems, in the 30th minute, and made his mark a minute later.

From a Jim Hearnston free kick, Fairbrother got a touch to the ball and Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier had no chance of saving.

In the 34th minute Hughes blasted home an unstoppable 20 metre shot.

And little Paul Ontong scored another classic goal in the 41st minute which had even Olympic's Greek fans applauding a long time.

The tiny South African ran from just inside his own half and beat four defenders in the process before he curled a 25-metre shot over goalie Meier's head and into the net.

Things certainly looked grim for Olympic at half time.

But a goal by Alan Ainslie in the 53rd minute picked Olympic up and things looked a little brighter when substitute Ken Wilson added his team's second goal in the 80th minute.

For most of the match Olympic had made the Lions defence look good and it took them a long time to put the Queenslanders under pressure.

Senkalski, who sent the cross to Ainslie for the first goal, was substituted in the 67th minute by Wilson.

It was a very poor Lions' clearance that presented Olympic with their second goal.

Olympic had to thank everyone forward in an effort to grab a draw and subsequently paid for an ex-

traordinary early chances compounded their problems.

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Brisb. C.O. WA Hellas.



Paul Ontong

posled rearguard when Lions' Paul posed scored against the run of play just two minutes from full time.

And so Lions, on their third trip to Sydney this season, took their first win, a possible six from Sydney teams.

They had previously beaten Hellas 3-1 and drawn 2-2 with Western Suburbs.

West Adelaide Hellas broke the jinx Brisbane City had held over them in the Phillips League with a 1-0 win at Perry Park in Brisbane.

West Adelaide earned the two points with a 44th minute goal by midfielder Neil McCachey.

City obviously were a far cry from the side which upset South Melbourne Hellas in the previous round.

Both sides gave away an enormous amount of possession in the first half, completely ruining it as a spectacle.

City put together numerous advances up to the West Adelaide Hellas 18-yard line but inept finishing, particularly in the second half, often let them down.

After the finishing, or lack of it, was not to blame, it was the sterling defence of Adelaide's centre backs David Jones and Con Kenneally and goalkeeper Martin Crook.

City's defence had an off day with only the tireless Steve Perry playing up to his top form.

Newcomer Savro Iozelli from Perth looked a little out of place in his debut and Peter Tokes was given a torrid afternoon by the constant menacing up front by West Adelaide's lumbering giant, Dave Pillans.

Apart from the defenders mentioned, the finishing, or lack of it, was not to blame, it was the sterling defence of Adelaide's centre backs David Jones and Con Kenneally and goalkeeper Martin Crook.

Perry's value in this City side is immeasurable. He headed a McCachey lob off the line with Kim Wishart beaten in the 24th minute and in the second half, chased and robbed Vic Bozanic after he had made a long break from City's half.

Adelaide almost took the lead in the 3rd minute but Wishart brilliantly saved a short-range

Bozanic shot then dived at Ian McGregor's feet.

City should have taken the lead in the 37th minute when Larry Gaffney crossed a great ball from the backline, but Roberto Echeverria's header, with the goal at his mercy, hit the crossbar.

Just on half-time, the goal was set up by a long, penetrating run by Barry Reynolds, whose cross was laid on by Pillans for McCachey, who made no mistake with his left foot.

Gaffney, Echeverria, and winger Willie Connor, who beat West Adelaide's defenders constantly during the second half, had nothing to show for their efforts.

Crook produced a tremendous save in the 67th minute when replacement Kevin Caldwell's shot had been made possible by the lead-up of Frank Pimblett and Iain Fagan.

West Adelaide had any number of chances to go further ahead with some strong build-up to the midfield. Bozanic in particular had two excellent chances he should have away when left with only Wishart to beat.

City had two final chances in the last five minutes. Gaffney supplied Caldwell with a left-wing pass, and the cross rolled loose before Echeverria's shot failed to penetrate a wall of Westad defenders.

In the last minute, Echeverria played a pass away into the box where a brilliant booter, past Reynolds.

Caldwell gained possession, turned and shot — but straight into the waiting arms of Crook.

Boskovic honored

Australian referee Tony Boskovic has been honored with a FIFA Special Award for "exceptional services to the Association."

Boskovic is one of 12 referees from throughout the world to be given the award at the last meeting of the FIFA Referees' Committee in Zurich.

The others are: Ferdinand Marschall, Paul Schiller (Austria), Albert Diech, Johannes Maier, Kurt Tschenscher (West Germany), Mohammed Diab El Attar (Egypt), Jeffar Namdar (Iran), Kenneth Chaplin, Karl Stewart (Jamaica), Arturo Yamasaki (Mexico) and Ahmed Gindil Salih (Sudan).

Watch out for Marwe Kosmina

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Adelaide City Juventus, striving hard for a place in the top four, had their plans short-circuited by PSL newcomers Newcastle after a dramatic 1-1 draw at Olympic Sports Field.

Juventus started, as usual, as if they were going to take Newcastle apart but despite several crisp attacking moves in the first half Juventus failed to score the goal they were desperate for.

With Brian Northcote running wild in midfield, Buggy Nyakusua and Frank Lister in an uncompromising mood in defence and striker Robert Marwe chasing everything, Juventus looked the best they have all season at home.

But once again their failure to

grab their early chances compounded their problems.

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middle double striking combination with John Kosmina when the Arsenal striker arrives next month, had an excellent game despite his failure to score.

He sprayed the ball intelligently to Nyakusua on several occasions and gave Newcastle's defence a torrid time, particularly in the air.

The tall, powerful blonde-haired striker had two chances in the 20 minutes — his first shot was blocked and the second went wide.

the bar while under pressure from two defenders.

Newcastle had their first chance in the 31st minute when Nick Galpin saw his powerful shot saved by a corner after an agile save by Peter Marshall.

But Galpin made no mistake 11 minutes later when he eluded two tackles and speared the ball past Marshall from five metres.

Juventus were full of running in the second half, and in the first minute after half time John Nyakusua passed precisely to Marwe who unfortunately kicked wide after dipping his foot into the turf from 10 metres with Dando stranded.

Juventus eventually grabbed the equaliser in a controversial incident when Buggy Nyakusua fired a 20 metre side delivery

Dando, who appeared to have it covered, took his eyes off the ball and it slipped out and he caught it at his second attempt — behind the goal line.

The linesman ruled it had in fact crossed the line despite Newcastle protests and Juventus had earned a valuable point.

Juventus had two great chances to score in the last eight minutes but they were denied by Dando.

First Marwe saw his 37th minute header brilliantly saved by Dando and three minutes later the former Brisbane Lions keeper brilliantly thwarted a shot — but straight into the waiting arms of Crook.

Newcastle battled hard to grab a winner through classy strikers Ken Boden and Galpin but they were unable to penetrate the Juventus defence.



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Peter Sharne, Marconi's incredible winger, prepares to shoot past Stuart Baxter (left) of Hellas. Behind Sharne is Bertie Mariani and at right Chris Kalafatisidis. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Vieri, Sharne get set for West Adelaide

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The superlatives about Marconi, Roberto Vieri, Peter Sharne and Rale Rasic have been expressed in many languages during the week.

The record crowd of 17,228 at Middle Park marvelled at the skill of Vieri, the explosiveness of Sharne, the general team work of Marconi.

Surely Marconi will win the championship now. Only Western Suburbs remains to challenge the Italian outfit but even Wests are three points behind and may slip further if Adelaide Juventus is in a mean mood at the Olympic Sports Field on Sunday.

West Adelaide Hellas meets Marconi in Sydney on Sunday and will give the league leaders a hard game. Rasic has a very high opinion of John Margaritis' team, an opinion reinforced by the excellent form of Hellas' Greek defender Con Kampas.

And yet it's difficult to see Marconi losing, in the light of its excellent form against South Melbourne Hellas last Sunday.

I gave Roberto Vieri the first 10-point rating of 1978 (see page 2) for his masterful midfield display but even if Margaritis gets someone to mark the playmaker, there are endless alternatives in the Marconi team — Jimmy Rooney, to name one.

Gary Byrne returns this week, forcing Rasic to finally choose between Byrne and Ray Richards. Richards was excellent as a centre back against Hellas, while John Russell marked Peter Orlerton. But Richards' return to the team has been as much due to the one-week suspension served by Ivo Prskalo and then the injury to

Socceroo Byrne has been one of Marconi's finest players this year, yet apparently NSW coach Joe Vialito has informed him that he will not be eligible for the State game against Derby. The NSW Federation has ruled State players must be under 26, yet Byrne is only about 23.

Such is the nature of the Marconi team that it's quite possible to use Byrne as well as Richards, for let's not forget that Byrne also plays very well at full back.

And what of South Melbourne Hellas?

As for Marconi, there wasn't much to fault. All the players were constantly on the move, making space for each other, running off the ball, and letting the ball itself do most of the work.

The flexibility of these players was demonstrated in things like Bertie Mariani dropping back into defence to head out crosses. Rale Rasic held afterwards: "We made at least eight scoring chances by outplaying opponents and chasing and I was happy with the way all the boys carried out instructions."

"However, I wouldn't say it was one of our best performances so far. Our best was in Brisbane, where we beat Lions 3-0."

Asked whether he was now confident of winning the title, Rasic said: "We have 18 matches to go. I suppose anything can happen."

Rasic praised Hellas for continuing to press for the whole game. "They never lost their spirit and they definitely had good scoring chances."

Hellas coach Dave MacLaren said: "We were punished for our mistakes. You can't afford to miss scoring chances against a team like Marconi."

Also, I was disappointed that we had no-one covering in defence. Every time Sharne got past Mike Pye, he had no-one else to beat.

Referee Stewart Mellings had praise for the talent of both teams but said: "I was disappointed the game was played in such a poor manner."



It was a tough match — as Jimmy Rooney will tell you.

There were many heavy tackles and Mellings showed the yellow card four times, to Bertie Mariani, Ray Richards, Mike Pye and Bertie Mariani.

Hellas was active early in the game, playing a one-two with Cummings and later positioning himself for a return cross from Wright, but goalkeeper Allan Maher punched out well under pressure.

Hagemanoul broke through the advancing defence the way Kalafatisidis had against Brisbane City the previous week but Prskalo loomed him out and put the ball over the line for a corner.

Chris Kent was really worrying Barry Jones, and would continue to do so for the rest of the game. Similarly, Cummings often got clear of Paul Degney to threaten the goal.

Vieri started opening his amazing box of tricks with an incredible pass that swerved behind a defender and into the middle. However the ball bounced awkwardly in front of him, preventing Cummings from getting in an effective shot.

Then Vieri lobbed to Jones who crossed to Mariani and again it was Hansen to the rescue, touching Mariani's header over the bar.

A cross by Kent beat all defenders and found Cummings in the middle. However the ball bounced awkwardly in front of him, preventing Cummings from getting in an effective shot.

The first clear-cut scoring chance, indeed, one of the best of the game, came in the 30th minute. Kent went unopposed down the wing and slid the ball perfectly into the path of Bertie Lutton but Lutton shot wide from 15 metres.

Hellas was seeking up plenty of Hellas pressure during this half, content to defend and counter-attack in quick breaks.

Chris Kalafatisidis broke up two of those counter-attacks when he stopped Jankovic on the byline and brought down Sharne on the edge of the penalty area.

was a bit too far for Jankovic. Once again Vieri put Sharne through down the wing, and this time Sharne was tackled from behind by Stuart Baxter.

Referee Mellings awarded a penalty and Vieri ignored Hansen's glove-dropping delaying tactics by sliding the ball just a few inches between the goalkeeper and the post. No wild smashes by this man.

The Hellas defence had collapsed totally now, as players pushed up in a vain effort to turn the game.

Lutton looked to have a scoring chance when he stormed into the penalty area but the brilliant defender came out and slide tackled him.

Then Hansen, at the other end, saved at the feet of Sharne. Marconi didn't make it 3-0 until a minute from the end — and what a goal it was.

Yes, it was Sharne who started it down the wing. He took the ball to the by-line, with Vieri standing inside the area, and Jankovic moving to the far post. Sharne slipped it back to Vieri, who kicked it into the net.

Best players were Vieri, Sharne Maher, Rooney, Prskalo and Richards for Marconi, and Kent Wright and Hagemanoul for Hellas.

But Sharne was quite irresistible. Again he attacked but this time his square ball across the box found Jankovic hanging a little too far back.

Then came a Hellas break. Kent stormed through the middle, with Cummings running free on his left. However, Kent released the ball a little too late, cramping Cummings at a narrow angle. Perhaps Cummings should have shot anyway, but he decided instead on a far-post lob for Orlerton. Instead of Orlerton getting to it, the ball was turned for a corner by Russell.

The goal that put Marconi on its way to victory came in the 44th minute of a 47 minute half extended by injury time. Paul Degney crossed the ball and a defender went down with Jankovic sliding into the box. The ball went loose to Sharne, unmarked, and Sharne smashed it home.

Many players went down hurt in this game, which was tough and uncompromising due to the high stakes. When Hansen tried to drag injured Jankovic over the goal line just after half time, he almost came to blows with Jimmy Rooney who was protecting his team mate.

In the 50th minute Kent went on another fine run down the wing and put the ball into the middle for Orlerton whose great shot was saved spectacularly by Maher one-handed.

Sharne demonstrated his incredible ability to beat a man when he brought down a long clearance from Prskalo and beat three men in a row before heading for goal and having his measured placement caught by Hansen.

In the 63rd minute Vieri sent Sharne away down the wing but from Sharne's short square pass inside the goal area, Mariani hit the post.

Billy Rogers shot over the bar from inside the area before Sharne headed off on another run, after ducking under Pye to take the ball. Mariani and Jankovic were running parallel with Sharne and the winger's short cross to the far post

Great soccer in Canberra

By PETER WINDSOR

Canberra City and Footscray J.U.S.T. drew 1-1 at Canberra's Bruce Stadium on Saturday. It was a fitting end to a titanic struggle.

For sheer pace and constructive play it was easily the best game seen in the national capital this season. But once more the game was marred by below-par refereeing.

And again Canberra had what appeared a legitimate goal disallowed — and argued vehemently over J.U.S.T.'s goal.

It stood, of course — but I agree with City players and spectators that Joe Piccone was off-side.

J.U.S.T. went back to Melbourne a happy side. A point away from home is always welcome.

Canberra, by contrast, now have the remarkable record of having drawn six of their eight games — and losing one and losing one of the remainder.

In one respect Saturday's draw was a credit to Canberra. They achieved it without three key players — all injured. They are teenage striker Terry Byrne (dislocated shoulder), half-back Johnny Davies (chipped shin bone) and defender Gary Parker, strained groin.

Canberra's up-and-coming brigade of home-grown talented teenagers came to their rescue.

Four teenagers played in City's team, full back Danny Moulis and Mike Milovanovic, half-back Steve Hogg and winger, Ian (Stubby) Heywood.

How many other Philips League teams can match that. It is of great credit to Canberra's youth-building program and the work of assistant coach, Vic Fernandez.

Where Canberra fell down on Saturday was not having the ability to finish off brilliantly executed lead-up work.

territorially, Canberra had much more of the play. Tragically, they fell down in front of goal.

But here one must mention J.U.S.T.'s keeper, Danis Boland. He played the proverbial blinder. Three times in the first half — and twice in the second — he saved what appeared to be certain goals.

Again Canberra fans came out for a second — 5,020 of them — to give Canberra a total home attendance from its five home games of over 26,000.

And that's already four thousand more than the total home crowd for the whole of last season.

The early minutes of the game followed the now familiar pattern of Canberra, the home side, showing the greater early nerves.

J.U.S.T. didn't capitalise although they launched several smart attacks. Within five minutes or so, however, Canberra had captured their composure and got on top.

In the 11th and 12th minutes Boland pulled off the first two of his many brilliant saves.



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The first was a full-stretch diving save to stop a cracking shot from Canberra's Roy Starke. Seconds later Boland stopped a header from Ian Heywood. This one, too, looked to have 'goal' written all over it.

At this stage Canberra looked fantastically good. Usually J.U.S.T. are regarded as one of the league's finest footballing sides, but it was Canberra who showed the better workmanship.

They were cutting J.U.S.T. to pieces. They have not played better all season.

In the 26th minute Canberra's Jimmy Cant, direct from the corner, found the net only to have Sydney referee Tim Davies disallow it for an apparent obstruction on Boland. No such obstruction occurred.

Three minutes later, completely against the run of play, J.U.S.T. hit the front.

Piccone was put through on the right flank. He was offside and at least two City defenders stopped, expecting to hear the whistle. Tiled, too, was caught off his line.

Piccone, however, to his great credit, took his opportunity brilliantly. The angle was acute — but he shot found the net.

This was the situation at the interval and most thought that victory had slipped from Canberra's grasp.

J.U.S.T. however, made the mistake of trying to put up the shutters too early.

This is not to say they didn't launch attacks. In fact, in the 51st minute, Dragan Vasic had a glim-mered opportunity to score and his side-footed shot did beat Tiled — only to have full-back Milovanovic kick off the line.

Canberra came back well and slowly took command once more. But near goal they lacked cohesion and any plan to break down the defence.

Sheer dogged determination pulled them from the brink of disaster.

Fittingly, Canberra's man-of-the-match, Jimmy Cant, sent over the cross that gave Canberra the equaliser in the 72nd minute.

Roy Starke was the man who found the net with a beautifully-placed header.

Canberra in those final 18 minutes did enough to have won.

But in many respects a draw was fair.

One thing was for sure — the crowd went home immensely satisfied at the standard of play. It gave full value for money.

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Israel on the outer

ISTANBUL — Moves to allow Israel to become a member of the European Football Union (UEFA) failed to win approval at the UEFA congress here.

Five countries — France, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland and West Germany — had proposed an amendment to the UEFA constitution which UEFA president Artemio Franchi of Italy said would have opened the door to Israel's membership.

But the proposal needed a three-fourths majority of the con-gress, and could muster only 16 votes among the 34 members.



Allan Maher — made some great saves

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Andrew Smythe

Gladesville mighty midgets

Gladesville RSL Under 7/4 have won their first three games in Sydney for a goal average of 15:1, averaging 5 goals per game. The star of the team is certainly Andrew Smythe who scored 10 of the 15 goals so far. He scored seven against Beecroft in their last outing.

Of Scottish descent, young Andrew might just follow in the footsteps of the Liverpool star Dalglish.

The team, pictured, is from left to right: Christopher Gill, Andrew Smythe, Jason Polley, Andrew Helmick, David Netherly, Vaughan Richards, Jacob Hosford, Nicholas Vesic, Daniel Morrison, Stephen Helmick and Craig Davey.



Attila Abonyi

There was a personal triumph for Soccer Atti Abonyi — the new player-coach of champions Croatia — in last weekend's sixth round of the NSW Rothmans State League.

Abonyi, who replaced Luke Fabjanic as Croatia coach, was in charge of the team for the first time against Manly.

Besides scoring a first-up win as coach, striker Abonyi also scored a penalty goal in his team's 4-0 victory over the young Manly side at the Sydney Sports Ground.

Despite adopting a completely negative approach, Manly couldn't contain Croatia and the champions were ahead 2-0 at half time.

Croatia's first half goals came from the head of fullback Bobby Russell after 28 minutes and a penalty from Abonyi in the 42nd.

Croatia didn't play nearly as enterprising football in the second half but still managed to add two more goals from Maurice Sullivan (61st minute) and John Russell (79th minute).

New South Wales squad members Walter Valeri and Sebastian Gianpaolo spearheaded Monaro to a 4-1 win over Arncliffe at Queenbeyan.

Valeri scored twice and Gianpaolo once, with midfielder Alan Bourke adding the fourth.

Arncliffe's only goal was scored by Chris O'Meara in injury time.

Monaro also missed a penalty when Tony Mossio's shot was saved by goalkeeper Bruce Cuneo.

Monaro dominated the first half to lead 2-0 at the break.

Valeri put Monaro one up when he scored direct from a free kick in the 23rd minute.

Eight minutes later, he grabbed his second from the penalty spot after Gianpaolo was brought down.

The second half saw Arncliffe play some enterprising football without being able to break through the disciplined Monaro defence.

Monaro went further ahead when Bourke scored with a 25-metre drive and Gianpaolo converted Bourke's cross into the fourth goal.

In injury time, Monaro was awarded another penalty, which was stopped by Cuneo, and in the last seconds of the game, Chris O'Meara capped a fine game with a goal for Arncliffe-Scots.

Yugal held on to beat Marrickville Olympic 2-1 at Concord Oval.

It was Yugal's first victory at their new home, Marrickville have only themselves to blame for not getting at least one point.

They missed numerous opportunities to score, with most of their shots blasted wide or over the bar.

In addition, Yugal's defender Nili Nigya turned in a solid performance, and goalkeeper Andy Mandir was very safe.

With the wind behind them, Yugal attacked persistently in the

McKendrey gets coaching post

Len McKendrey, 34, is the new State Director of Coaching in Victoria.

McKendrey, who is currently living in Sydney, is a qualified English F.A. coach, and beat 15 other applicants for the job.

The position is a full-time one, and involves the organisation and co-ordination of coaching seminars and junior clinics.

Ron Smith was the previous State Director of Coaching, but he resigned and returned home to England in January.

McKendrey's playing experience includes a period with the Chelsea Football Club as an apprentice professional, and Watford, and has played with senior amateur clubs for ten years, including

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Right winger Phil Johns scored a hat trick in Granville's 4-2 win over Bankstown at Bankstown Soccer Centre.

Bankstown held Granville to a 1-1 draw in the first half.

Paul Thomson failed to clear a corner looking cross and the ever alert Bruce Walden made no mistake with a rising shot.

Bankstown equalised three minutes after interval when Granville half-back Kevin Lackey missed a high lob in the penalty area allowing Craig Peck to score.

Granville grabbed their second goal in the 63rd minute through Johns who hit a tremendous shot from a corner over the heads of Bankstown defenders.

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Under-15: Western 5 Yarra 1.

THINGS LOOK BAD FOR HOLLAND, GERMANY



English players protest over a disallowed goal by Bob Latchford in the 1-1 draw with Brazil.

West Germany was relegated from World Cup favoritism when it lost 1-3 to Sweden in Stockholm, after having earlier lost 0-1 to Brazil in Hamburg.

At the same time, Sweden's chances of reaching the second round increased. Sweden's opponents in Group Three are Brazil, Austria and Spain.

Brazil was not particularly impressive in drawing 1-1 with a depleted England at Wembley last week but did well in beating Atletico Madrid 3-0.

But the biggest shock of all was Holland's 0-4 loss to Tunisia in Tunis.

If this form holds through June, there will be many surprises in the World Cup.

The Germans started strongly, and Karl Heinz Rummenigge put one shot wide and had another well saved by Ronnie Helstrom in the Swedish goal before Rainer Bonhof — rated the best midfielder in the world — scored from a free kick 20 metres out.

Rolf Rusanen headed into his own net three minutes later to give Sweden their equaliser, and Leonard Larsson, who plays for Schalke 04 in the West German Bundesliga, scored twice — in the 51st and 76th minutes — to give Sweden a convincing

win. Brazilian goalkeeper Emerson was slow and flat-footed when France scored the goal which beat Brazil in the first match of the tour.

He was slow again against England in getting down to a shot which the England captain Kevin Keegan curled around the edge of the defensive wall — Brazilian style — to score the equaliser in the 68th minute.

Edinho and Ze Maria had their names taken in the first half and were followed into the book by Cerezo, Baltata and Abel after the interval. In a pulsating first half Brazil snatched the lead against the run of play in the ninth minute, and indeed it was Brazil that played most of the soccer.

Gill, alone on the right, received a pass from the inventive Rivellino and immediately cut inside. Suddenly he unleashed a lethal shot which flashed past the left hand of startled England goalkeeper Joe Corrigan before he could move.

Corrigan of Manchester City, playing only his second game in goal for England, had his first touch of the ball when he picked it out of the net. Undaunted by this setback, England, with skipper Kevin Keegan and Tony Currie taking a grip in midfield, stormed forward and created numerous chances.

Wingers Steve Coppell and Peter Barnes caused havoc down the flanks. Brazilian central defenders Amaral and Abel — who came in at the last minute for Oscar, who was sick — looked nervous against a series of high crosses but came through well in the end.

England's team was weakened because several players from Arsenal and Ipswich — the FA Cup finalists Nottingham Forest and Everton — contenders for the League Championship — and Liverpool — European Cup finalists — were left out of the side.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina — hosts for the cup — won 3-0 against Chile, who fielded only four of their team from the qualifying rounds.

According to Ted Lezon, Polonia's team manager, Phil Altieri has no chance of obtaining a transfer from the Polish Club. Altieri's contract expires in 1979 and it is the policy of Mr. Lezon not to release any more players — but rather to strengthen the team.

It is the ambition of the popular Ted to come back to the State League, and with the help of five expected players from Poland, Ted Lezon's hopes look bright despite losing the first two games.

The ASF overseas tour manager Mr. Michael Weinstein, told me that he is negotiating with Wisla of Poland to tour Australia at the end of the 1978 season.

All I can say is there is hope for all us foreigners yet. If we don't get deported in the meantime for playing all these foreign sports, I will finish this week by wishing a few of the real Australians the best of luck for the weekend, people like Jesulenko, Castoglio, Sarafin, Hansen, Groenewegen, Gieschen, Zantuck and Dittlerich. I just hope you live to play again next week.

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Newcastle has entered the league with an excellent home ground, the International Sports Centre, and Canberra City has use of Bruce Stadium, which is probably the best soccer venue in Australia.

Now Marconi is following their lead. The opening of its \$120,000 grandstand was attended by NSW Deputy Premier Jack Ferguson and the Minister of Sport, Ken Booth, who both praised the club's achievements.

The grandstand is only the first stage of an improvement scheme. Stage two will feature a gymnasium, dressing rooms, a tunnel to bring players onto the ground, and stage three will be a covered grandstand.

No wonder Marconi now averages 6000 people at its home matches.

The atmosphere is getting more and more exciting all the time, just as it is in Canberra and Newcastle, and in Melbourne every time South Melbourne Hellas plays.

Canberra has set the lead in match promotion, and now Hellas has introduced pre-match entertainment.

All these things show that we are fast approaching true professionalism.

Praise must also go to the two Adelaide clubs — Juventus and Hellas — who did so much to enthuse the crowds and to support the game last year.

And this year St. George has come up with a new innovation — using players' names on their shirts, as is done in the U.S. Similarly, Marconi's players wear their names on their track suits.

It may be a good idea for all players to feature their names on their shirts. It would be of great help to the spectators.

Two more clubs doing a lot to promote the game are Western Suburbs and Hakoah Easts. They deserve a much better return.



RALE RASIC

Facilities at Englefield Stadium for our soccer school in the May holidays would leave any similar sports complex way behind.

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My fellow coaches at the school are Raul Blanco (Melita Eagles), Johnny Warren (Canberra), Steve Hozowaki (Auburn), Paul Degney (Marconi), George Harris (St. George) and Peter Stone (Western Suburbs).

The course in NSW will run May 8-18. Any boys interested in joining us should ring me at the Marconi club on 604 5222, or contact 80 2434 (Sydney).

Of course, we'll also be running a course in Melbourne.

This will take place at Olympic Park from Monday, May 22 to Friday, May 26.

Bobby McLachlan and Mike de Bruyckere will be among the coaches and boys interested in taking part should ring Australian Soccer Camps on 267 1522.

New man for 'Cross World Cup study team

George Cross is bringing out a striker from Scotland.

He's Mike Bell, who played for Scottish Second Division side Queen of the South.

The club is looking for coaches for some of the newly-established George Cross junior teams. Anyone interested should contact Charlie Cutajar on 337 8231.

One of the club's committeemen, Manny Rapinet, has resigned.

The FIFA technical study group for the World Cup comprises:

Sir Walter Winterbottom (England), director; Milan Miljanic (Yugoslavia), Group One; Rinus Michels (Holland), Group Two; Karl-Heinz Heddergott (West Germany), Group Three; Jose Bonetti (Brazil), Group Four; Dr. Vlastislav Jira (Czechoslovakia), special mission; Roger Guinche (Switzerland), statistics.



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The boys' names will also appear in our list of Hat-Trick Heroes published every week. This week's hat-trick heroes:
Jimmy Corbett, 12 (Nunawading); Christ West, 11 (Nunawading); Will McArthur, 13, four goals (Eltham); Scott Taylor, 12, Chris Anker, 12 (both Baxter);

Kevin Culham, 9, six goals (Moorebank); Reno Lie, 13, Vlado Pulovski, 14 (both Knox); Andrew Carter, 11, four goals (Castlemaine); Frank Terpar, 14, Lee Moseley, 14 (both Moorebank); Elliot Reid, 10, Mike Conello, 10 (both Kellor Austria); Robert Love, 13 (Greenborough); Darren Rual, 11, four goals (Frankston Pines); Dragoslav Serdar, 11 (Richmond); Grant Thomas, 13 (Croydon); Richard Florelli, 10, four goals (Moorebank); Ross Minichilli, 9 (Rosanna); Kelvin Nicholson, 11, four goals (Melton); Ricky Honey, 8, Scott Lamanas, 8, Mike Berwick, 9 (all Rossmore, Tas); Mike Paterson, 9, four goals; Trevor Lukavski, 10, Craig West, 12, five goals; Jack Mahon, 12, four goals (all Cranbourne); Glenn Salisbury, 14, four goals (Croydon); Nigel Horsley, 9, four goals (Moorebank); Mark Dwyer, 10 (Doveton); Graeme Muir, 14, seven goals; Stuart Evans, 14, four goals; Lucio Sals, 14 (all Croydon); Paul Fletcher, 11,

five goals (Moe United); Shane Pettit, 13 (Frankston Pines); Daigana Aligizaidos, 11, Paul McGuinness, 13 (both Hampton); John Matas, 12, six goals; George Stilikas, 9 (both Collingwood); Nick Socco, 15, 12 goals; A'Del Mastro, 16 (both St. Mark); Peter Manakia, 10 (Dingley); Tom Tennant, 12, David Cairnes, 13, Paul Luca, 13 (all Frankston Pines); Mark Blawie, 9 (Candenong); Bill Mesley, 10, five goals; Zoran Troupis, 12, four goals; Zoran Gudzozi, 12, Con Lantouris, 10, Themis Patsinas, 14, five goals; Gerard Ramirez, 11, four goals; Glenn Rogers, 12, six goals (all Caulfield City); James Harvey, 11, five goals (Box Hill); Andrew Ziegler, 10 (North Dandenong); Nasser Elmowaki, 10 (Coburg); Jim Dimasolidis, 9, four goals (Thomastown); David Walkden, 13, five goals (Altona); Neil Crompton, 10, Daryl Griffiths, 9 (Morrington); Jason Reid, 8, Gary Welsh, 9, five goals; Scott Sands, 9, four goals; David Foote, 10 (all Churchill United).

A view from the junior ranks

BY LEIF JENSEN



I paid a visit to my local barber the other day, mainly because it was either that or a divorce — and haircuts are still cheaper than divorces.

My barber is an Australian who indulges in that foreign sport called golf. He has cut my hair for about 10 years, so he knows me pretty well by now.

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His first words to me were: "How are you going? Me: 'Fighting fit, thanks!' Barber: 'How is George Moore going?' Now, I have to explain here that we have a son who is a jockey and this racing game being another foreign sport, we don't talk too much about it.

So I just said: "Not bad, Jack." Barber again: "And how is your little son going with his tennis and his cricket?"

I was glad we were alone in the shop because here he mentioned another two foreign sports and after just having read Dr Alan Aylett's comments about foreign codes, I was starting to feel like a traitor to my country (Dr Aylett is president of the Victorian Football League (Aussie rules)).

I said: "Oh... he is enjoying what he is doing." Now I have to tell him that our young daughter is playing rounders, or that our eldest daughter is playing basketball, and you know what those two sports are, so at least he couldn't ask me about that.

After a couple of minutes silence, during which some customers came into the shop, he turned to me and said rather loudly: "And how are you and your

missus going with the soccer?" Well... I nearly fell out of the chair, but I whispered: "Not bad, mate."

He shut up for a minute, so here was my chance, and I said as loudly as I could: "How is the golf progressing Jack?" Barber: "Terrific mate," not in the least embarrassed, and he carried on saying: "And you know my two sons mate, well they have started to play soccer, because the Aussie Rules was too bloody rough, mate."

All I can say is there is hope for all us foreigners yet. If we don't get deported in the meantime for playing all these foreign sports, I will finish this week by wishing a few of the real Australians the best of luck for the weekend, people like Jesulenko, Castoglio, Sarafin, Hansen, Groenewegen, Gieschen, Zantuck and Dittlerich. I just hope you live to play again next week.

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Can Scotland win the World Cup?

From DUNCAN McKENZIE in Glasgow

Scotland will get its final pre-World Cup test when it meets Wales, Northern Ireland and England, all in the space of eight days, in the British championships next month.

The Scots leave for Argentina less than a week after the championships.

Having already won the British title twice, nothing less than a third victory will be good enough if Scotland is to do as well as expected in the World Cup.

The British championships will no doubt decide which 11 players will be manager Ally MacLeod's first choices in Argentina.

Allow me to speculate on the most likely line-up. Here's the way I see it.

In goal, we'll almost certainly have Partick Thistle's Alan Rough, who hasn't let Scotland down since his debut in a 3-1 win over Wales two years ago. Rough's strongest competition is likely to come from the experienced Bobby Clark of Aberdeen who has been capped 17 times over the past 10 years, despite the fact that MacLeod used Coventry's Jim Blyth in the recent disappointing 2-1 win over Bulgaria at Hampden. The Bulgaria game, let's not forget, could hardly be considered a fair yardstick, as MacLeod missed players due to injury and club calls.

The defence is difficult to predict, partly due to an ankle injury that kept Danny McGrain of Celtic out for several months this season. McGrain is no stranger to Australian audiences which saw him perform in the World of Soccer tournament against Arsenal, Red Star and the Socceros last year.

Manchester City's Willie Donachie, who would normally be the first-choice left back, will miss the first World Cup game against Peru because of a one-match suspension after two bookings.

If McGrain does not come into MacLeod's calculations, the right-back spot would probably go to Sandy Jardine of Rangers, while Donachie's replacement on the left could be Gray of Leeds. However, I'm betting that McGrain will be fit and in the team, and that Jardine will take the other full back position.

One of the centre backs is mighty Gordon McQueen, who recently transferred from Leeds to Manchester United for about \$850,000. He is a powerful stopper and a dangerous raider when he gallops upfield.

Forsyth (Rangers), Buchan (Manchester City) and Blackie (Newcastle) will partner Mc-



Scottish super star Joe Jordan heads home the winning goal in Scotland's 2-1 win over Czechoslovakia in the World Cup qualifying game of 1973 in Glasgow. Victory put the Scots into the World Cup finals for the first time in 16 years.

Queen in the middle, but Kenny Burns must also come into calculations because he is a reformed character under Brian Clough at Notts Forest. Tom Forsyth is my pick. MacLeod has always said he prefers the men who have done the job for him, and Forsyth has not let his boss down.

Scotland's midfield has often been called the best in Europe and one of the best in the world. No wonder, with all the talent available in that department!

Just look at the possibilities — Bruce Riech (Derby), Don Masson (Derby), Archie Gemmill (Notts Forest), Asa Hartford (Manchester City), Graeme Souness (Liverpool)

and Lou Macari (Manchester City).

Officials of Iran, one of Scotland's World Cup opponents, have marvelled over Gemmill, making no secret of the fact that he is the man they fear most.

Yet for all of Gemmill's great stamina and fighting qualities, he may have to make room for an even more talented player!

As I see it, the Scottish midfield trio will be: Riech, Masson and Hartford, leaving MacLeod the option of bringing in Gemmill if one of the others doesn't perform in the first game.

There's no substitute for experience in the World Cup, and Riech certainly has it,

having played for Aston Villa, Luton, Derby and Everton. Born in Aldershot, near London, he qualifies for Scotland through his parents' background and could be called the first Englishman to captain Scotland.

Masson, 32 years old, is another thoroughly mature and experienced player and Hartford, despite having a hole in the heart, has become a key man at Manchester City and has a more refined approach than Gemmill.

If, by some chance, MacLeod goes for Souness for one of the midfield positions, Australians will have a "home-town boy" to cheer during the finals. Souness, it will be remembered, played as a guest for West Adelaide Hellas in the Australian national league last year, after his club Middlesbrough had toured Australia. Since then, he has transferred to Liverpool for about \$550,000.

In attack, MacLeod will certainly use Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish and Manchester United's big striker Joe Jordan. MacLeod has said he hopes to use a traditional winger and if so, the nod must go to Willie Johnston of West Brom, who tore apart Czechoslovakia and Wales in World Cup qualifying matches.

Unfortunately, this would leave no room for Aston Villa's Andy Gray who, together with Malcolm Macdonald, was England's most

successful goalscorer last season.

And so, the Scotland team, as I see it, will be: Riech; Jardine, Forsyth, McQueen, Jardine; Riech, Masson, Hartford; Dalglish, Jordan, Johnston.

Of these, Jardine, McGrain, Dalglish, and Jordan played in the 1974 finals in West Germany, where Scotland failed to qualify for the second round.

The Scots were unbeaten in the first round, but wasted their superiority over Zaire, winning by only 2-0 and thus lacking the goals required to qualify on goal average.

Ironically, Scotland was the only team unbeaten in the first round. Even world champion West Germany lost a match — against East Germany in the second round.

Of Scotland's failure in 1974, Danny McGrain says: "We won't make that mistake again. We were a different team four years ago. It was the first time we had qualified for the finals in 16 years and naturally enough we were all a bit nervous."

"It will be different this time. We know what to expect and we are more experienced. I'm certain we have learned our lesson."

Bruce Riech says: "We are absolute certainties to get



Groupings for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina this year:			
GROUP ONE	GROUP TWO	GROUP THREE	GROUP FOUR
Argentina	West Germany	Brazil	Holland
Italy	Poland	Sweden	Scotland
Hungary	Mexico	Austria	Iran
France	Tunisia	Spain	Peru



Scotland manager Ally MacLeod, alias "Mighty Mouth," "The fastest gums in the west" or soccer's Muhammad Ali.

through. There can be no doubt about it."

Riech says the countries which should qualify for the second round along with Scotland are: Argentina, Italy, Brazil, Austria, West Germany, Poland, and Holland.

Scotland's opponents in Group Four are Peru, Iran and Holland.

The Scots have met Peru only once, winning 2-0 at Hampden six years ago. Little is known here about Iran, but MacLeod expects to get a full dossier on the Iranians from Torquay's general manager

Frank O'Farrell who was manager of Iran for a few years and boss of Iran's present manager, Heshmat Mohejerani.

"I am happy to help Ally MacLeod," O'Farrell said recently. "I still keep in touch with the Iranian team and most of the players in that side are the ones I know."

"They have a superb goalkeeper in Nasser Hejazi and Mohejerani is a very capable coach but they shouldn't trouble Scotland too much."

As for Holland... well, who knows? However, if Scotland loses to Holland after having beaten Iran and Peru, it would advance to the second round nevertheless.

Already, Scotland's FA has announced a cash bonus scheme for the players, so they know exactly what they stand to gain before they fly out, thus avoiding the behind-the-scenes squabbling that went on in West Germany.

Scotland's biggest test so far came on its tour of South America, where it beat Chile 4-2, drew 1-1 with Argentina and lost 0-2 to Brazil.

They weren't particularly heartening results for a team whose sights are set on possibly winning the World Cup. The victory over Chile must be viewed in perspective, for Chile had been eliminated

from the World Cup two months earlier and had hastily reassembled a national team for this game. Dalglish Macari and Hartford scored in that match, with Chrisost scoring for Chile.

In the Argentina match Pernia and Johnston went sent off after a clash and both goals came from penalties — Masson scoring for Scotland and Passarella equalising.

For the Brazil game Scotland missed Jordan, Gray, Macari and McQueen, but MacLeod made no excuses after the defeat, realising that his team had rarely threatened the Brazil goal.

MacLeod has been the major source of inspiration to the Scottish team ever since he was appointed to replace Willie Ormond who resigned to return to club football.

Yet MacLeod got the job only after Jack Stein had turned it down, explaining he did not want to leave Celtic.

MacLeod was unperturbed about being appointed "on the rebound." "Listen," he said, "People say Jack Stein is the best manager in Scotland. I don't agree with them. I think I am the best."

It's no wonder that MacLeod has been called "The fastest gums in the west," "Mighty Mouth" and soccer's Muhammad Ali.

Yet the former Blackburn Rovers, Third Lanark, Ayr United and St Mirren player also gives credit where credit is due.

"I inherited a good squad from Willie Ormond. I may be the boss now and they'll play to my tactics, but Willie Ormond did a great job putting them together. We must never forget the work he did before I arrived. That would not be fair." MacLeod, of course, was manager of Aberdeen before his appointment to the national squad.

Let's have a look at a little Scottish background. Who will forget some of the past stars — Jimmy Mason of Third Lanark, Tommy Walker of Hearts, George Cummings of Aston Villa, George Young



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How they got there

Group 7
October 13, 1976 at Prague
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (D) 2
(Panenka, Petras) SCOTLAND
(0) 0

Czechoslovakia: Vencel, Dobias, Josef Capkovic (Jurkemik), Ondrus, Gogh (Kozak), Bros, Petras, Panenka, Pollak, Masny, Nehoda.

Scotland: Rough, McGrain, Donachie, Buchan, McQueen, Rioch, Dalglish (Burns), Masson (Hartford), Jordan, Gray (A. Gemmill).

Attendance: 38,000

November 17, 1976 at Hampden Park

SCOTLAND (1) 1 (Evans o.g.)

WALES (0) 0

Scotland: Rough, McGrain, Donachie, Blackley, McQueen, Rioch, Hartford, Dalglish, Masson, Jordan, Gemmill, Gray (E. Pettigrew).

Wales: Davies, Page, Jones (J), Phillips, Evans, Griffiths, Thomas, Flynn, Yorath, Toshack, James (Jones).

Attendance: 63,233

September 21, 1977 at Hampden Park

SCOTLAND (2) 3 (Jordan, Hartford, Dalglish)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA (0) 1 (Gajdusek)

Scotland: Rough, Jardine, Forsyth, McQueen, McGrain, Rioch, Hartford, Dalglish, Masson, Jordan, Johnstone.

Czechoslovakia: Michalik, Daurik, Josef Capkovic, Dvorak, Gogh, Dobias (Gallis), Pollak, Gajdusek, Moder (Knap), Masny, Nehoda.

Attendance: 85,000

October 12, 1977 at Liverpool

WALES (0) 0 SCOTLAND (0) 2

(Masson pen., Dalglish)

Wales: Davies, Thomas (R), Jones (A), Phillips, Jones (D), Mahoney, Flynn, Yorath, Sayer, Thomas (M), Toshack.

Scotland: Rough, Jardine (Buchan), McQueen, Forsyth, Donachie, Masson, Hartford, Macari, Dalglish, Jordan, Johnston.

Attendance: 50,850

Other group Seven results:

Wales 3 (James 2, Deacy)

Czechoslovakia 0 (Nehoda)

Wales 0

Final standings:

Scotland 3 0 1 6 3 6

Czechoslovakia 2 0 2 4 6 4

Wales 1 0 3 3 4 2

Scotland, back row from left: Kenny Dalglish, Tom Forsyth, Alan Rough, Willie Donachie, Bruce Rioch, Martin Buchan, front: Don Masson, Asa Hartford, Willie Johnston, Danny McGrain, Archie Gemmill.

1974-drew with Brazil, Yugoslavia

Scotland's previous World Cup campaigns:

1930 (finals in Uruguay): Did not compete.

1934 (Italy): Did not compete.

1938 (France): Did not compete.

1950 (Brazil): Qualifying games: v. Northern Ireland 8-2, v. Wales 2-0, v. England 0-1. Scotland and England qualified but Scotland declined.

1954 (Switzerland): Qualifying games: v. Northern Ireland 3-1, v. Wales 3-3, v. England 2-3, England and Scotland qualified. Group three of finals: v. Austria 0-1, v. Uruguay 0-7.

In finals Scotland used: Martin, Cunningham, Aird, Docherty, Davidson, Cowie, McKenzie, Fernie, Mochan, Brown, Ormon.

1958 (Sweden): Qualifying games: v. Spain 4-2, 1-4, v. Switzerland 2-1, 3-2, Scotland qualified. Group Two of finals: v. Yugoslavia 1-1, v. Paraguay 2-3, v. France 1-2.

Scotland used: Younger, Caldwell, Evans, Hewie, Turnbull, Cowie, Loggatt, Murray, Mudie, Collins, Imtich, Parker, Robertson, Fernie, Brown, Mackay, Baird.

Scorers, v. Yugoslavia: Murray; v. Paraguay: Collins, Mudie; v. France: Baird.

1962 (Chile): Qualifying games: v. Eire 4-1, 3-0, v. Czechoslovakia 0-4, 3-2; tie-breaker: v. Czechoslovakia 2-4, failed to qualify.

1966 (England): Qualifying games: v. Finland 3-1, 2-1, v. Italy 1-0, 0-3, v. Poland 1-1, 1-2, failed to qualify.

1970 (Mexico): Qualifying

games: v. Austria 2-1, 0-2; v. Cyprus 5-0, 8-0; v. West Germany 1-1, 2-3, failed to qualify.

1974 (West Germany): Qualifying games: v. Czechoslovakia 2-1, 1-2, v. Denmark 4-1, 2-0, Scotland qualified.

Group two of finals: SCOTLAND 2 (Lorimer, Jordan) ZAIRE 0.

Scotland: Harvey, Jardine, McGrain, Bremner, Holton, Blackley, Dalglish (Hutchinson 75th), Hay, Lorimer, Jordan, Law.

Zaire: Kazadi, Mwepu, Mukombo, Bwanga, Lobilo, Kilasu, Mayanga (Kembo 68th), Mana, Ndaye, Kidumu (Kibonge 75th), Kakoko.

SCOTLAND 0 BRAZIL 0.

Scotland: Harvey, Jardine, McGrain, Buchan, Holton, Bremner, Dalglish, Hay, Morgan, Jordan, Lorimer.

Brazil: Leao, Nelinho, Pereira, Mario Marinho, Francisco Marinho, Piazza, Rivelino, Paulo Cesar, Jairzinho, Mirandinha, Leivinha (Paulo Cesar 81, 66th).

YUGOSLAVIA 1 (Karasi) SCOTLAND 1 (Jordan).

Scotland: Harvey, Jardine, Buchan, Holton, McGrain, Bremner, Hay, Dalglish (Hutchinson 65th), Morgan, Jordan, Lorimer.

Yugoslavia: Maric, Buljan, Katalinski, Bogicevic, Enver Hadziabdic, Oblak, Suljak, Acimovic, Petkovic, Bajevic (Karasi 72nd), Dzajlic. Final standings in Group Two:

Yugoslavia 1 2 0 10 1 4

Brazil 1 2 0 3 0 4

Scotland 0 0 3 0 4 0

Zaire 0 0 3 0 4 0



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Croydon dominates the top, City wins battle of the Keilars

CROYDON CITY 4 (Wyle, 24th min., Hamilton 2, 48th min., 55th min., Blackie 84th min.) v COLLINGWOOD CITY 1 (Boskias, 1st min.).
CROYDON: Edwards, Sinclair 6, McCombe 6, Ward 6 (Pongho, 80th min.), T. Kelly 6, Lowrey 7, Murphy 7, C. Kelly 7, Blackie 5 (Smith 5 48th min.), Hamilton 7, Wyle 6.
COLLINGWOOD: Sgoras 6, Vasiliogiannopoulos 5, Peppas 6, Tsipalos 6, D. Koukias (Tsakalof 6, 25th min.), L. Koukias 5, (Peretis 6, 25th min.), Pagioukos 5, Limogiannis 5, Saxonidis 5, Boskias 6, Tsoulos 5.
After taking the lead in the first minute, Collingwood threw away the advantage by using negative tactics.

Collingwood had its midfielders marking Croydon's linemen Charlie Kelly, Charlie Murphy and Pat Lowrey, but the plan failed miserably. Croydon had no drive from its midfielders, as a result George Boskias, who has the skill to destroy a defence, was starved of the ball and given little support.

Collingwood applied pressure on Croydon after scoring its goal. It may have scored a few more. As it was Croydon scored to the top of the ladder. Its first attacking move was so simple, yet so deadly and brought a goal, thanks partly to a mistake by Mick Edwards in the Croydon goal.

Koukias brought the ball out, and then, passed the ball to Tsoulos on the wing. He evaded a tackle from Dick Ward and headed for goal. He got to the goal line, and cut the ball back to Boskias, who hit a spinning shot at goal that Edwards couldn't handle. The move saw the ball go from deep in Collingwood's defensive zone, to the back of the net with only one Croydon player Edwards — touching the ball.

However, instead of pushing forward, Collingwood surrendered to middlefield and had a seven-man defence. Maybe it was worrying about the reputation players in the Croydon side, or didn't have the confidence to build on its lead.

Croydon settled down and started to pressure the Collingwood goal. A lot of its forward moves ended with a high ball aimed at the head of Roy Hamilton. However, Tsipalos had the better of Hamilton in the first half, and his won many vital balls in the air against the tall Croydon striker.

Peppas did a lot of good covering for Collingwood in the sweeper position. Alan Pongho started on the bench for Croydon, after missing the last two league games with a knee injury.

His place was taken by Ward, who performed well as sweeper. Another example of Collingwood's trouble was seen when it played without a left back for a few minutes. After Tsakalof came on. In the confusion, Collingwood unknowingly played a 3-5-2 formation.

Charlie Kelly was Croydon's best player and was always offering himself when one of his teammates was in the ball. He made space well and stayed in a central midfield position, letting Lowrey and Murphy go forward.

Jim Blackie had a disappointing game for Croydon, and it's obvious that the attacking role assigned to him does not suit. He is playing up front in place of Mike Lynn, who is in England on holiday, but may lose his place to Duncan Smith, the former East Fife (Scotland) midfielder who arrived in Australia two weeks ago.

Jim Wyle equalised for Croydon in the 24th minute after following up a long ball that ran free in the goal mouth. It was not until the second half that the Croydon machine hit top gear. Hamilton was getting away from Tsipalos, and he was getting an endless supply of balls from the midfield.

Mike Sinclair joined the attack from right back and Collingwood started to look unorganised. However, Collingwood was desperately unlikely not to equalise just after half time. McCombe mis-kicked

and that allowed Saxonidis to run through and shoot. The ball hit the bar and rebounded down onto the line before going back into play. Feretis came charging in, as Edwards and Ward scrambled to try to clear the ball. In the end, it was Ward's boot that put the ball out and to safety and nearly took Feretis' head off.

Hamilton put Croydon into the lead with a bullet-like header from close range after a pin-point cross from Lowrey.

Croydon dominated the last 25 minutes of the game and scored two more goals, both from headers. Hamilton got his second and Croydon's third from a foot out after Sgoras missed a Charlie Kelly cross and McCombe made it 4-1 for a score.

It was a good performance by Croydon, but its style of pushing the ball around in defence and middlefield came unstuck on some of the smaller, better First Division grounds.

Collingwood will get some good results this season if it can get a settled team and stop the internal squabbles.

KYLE PATTERSON DANDENONG 2 (Young 48th min., Buchanan 85th min.) v BOX HILL 2 (Taylor 5th min., Corke 30th min.).
DANDENONG: Davies 6, Smart 5, Parton 6, Parker 6, Murray 6, Young 6, Buchanan 6, Holcombe 6, Daniels 6 (Jackson 70th min.), Pryde 6, Gummer 5 (Hill 6 48th min.).

BOX HILL: Morgan 6, Laphin 5, Patterson 5, Cupido 5, Hall 7, McLeod 5, Corke 5, Waidyaka 5, Tuffield 6, Taylor 5 (Hill 6 48th min.).

A dividing second half performance by Box Hill saw it throw away a two-goal lead and be desperately lucky to get a point.

The Hillmen started the second half two goals up, but wanted to take the easy way out and 'sit' on the lead. However, Dandenong swarmed forward showing a desire to win, and must be kicking itself over all the missed chances.

The Hillmen were lack-lustre in the first half but good individual performances from Paul Corke, who scored the second and set up the first and Ray Taylor put Box Hill ahead.

Box Hill never at any stage dominated the play in the first half, but looked fairly safe in containing Dandenong's disjointed attacks.

Box Hill's midfield was non-existent in an attacking capacity, but Dandy's was superb, and the game was of a fairly low standard.

Jim Laphin played it hard at right back, but gave away too many free kicks.

From Dandy, Bill Buchanan was dangerous, but coming forward from middlefield and John Pryde did a good job directing traffic in the second half when Dandy had the run on the Box Hill defence.

It was a beautiful piece of acting by Jeff Daniels that got Dandy its first goal. He took the ball into the box and took a dive, yelling 'penalty' when it ran away from him. The Box Hill defence stopped long enough for the ball to be crossed for Buchanan to head home.

Dandy pressured the Box Hill goal and several times the ball skimmed the crossbar or was scrambled off the line. Box Hill caught Dandy on the break a few times but final shots by Ray Shawman and Ian Taylor were wide.

Internal quarrelling near the end and but Box Hill can't complain about coming away with a point.

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Moore) SPRINGVALE 0.
SPRINGVALE: Moore 1 (Kypriklidis, Glykoulas, Javroski, Tsamibou, Moore, Czapnik, Karapatsos, Skorsis, Stergiou (Patsakos), Daglis (Theodoridis)).

ACORN: West dominated the first game in the First Division season, but only just scraped home against lively Springvale.

West dominated the middlefield, but

once again couldn't finish off the chances they created.

Springvale defended well and goalkeeper Peter Murr was outstanding. Hugh Campbell played a great game in the middlefield for 'Vale, and Sam Crivari was solid in defence.

Springvale threatened to steal the two points after catching West on the break a few times. However, a late goal by Steve Moore gave West full points.

POLONIA 1 DOVETON 0.
POLONIA: Eddy Sorokowski, Andy Wozola, Mario Michellini, John Peter, Tom Koter, Ron Hoffman, Joe Herman, Jim Dimitrio (Peter Czapnik 70th min.), Brendan Lalic, Wally Klein (Fred Dimitrio 55th min.), Paul Espinoza.

Eddy Sorokowski gave a brilliant display of goalkeeping, in his return to the Polonia goal. His excellent game was matched by Joe Herman's aggressive middlefield play. Polonia continually hampered the Doveton goal through Herman and Espinoza. The goal finally came in the 62nd minute after Joe Herman beat two defenders.

KEILOR CITY 2 KEILOR AUSTRIA 1.
KEILOR CITY: Kellor City: Glenn Dorward 55th, Kiefer, 65th min.
KEILOR CITY: V. Schirrip, R. Paschyn, J. Biewer, I. Leaves, R. Kiefer, C. Presliski, B. Kovic, L. Vanlewin, G. Howard, G. Atkinson, M. Katsviki, M. Tasevski, M. Kralyevski, W. Bryden.

In the battle of the two Keilars, Austria went ahead in the 15th minute through a header after a beautiful free kick.

They continued to press City and did most of the attacking in the first half. Second half saw City change R. Paschyn to M. Kralyevski, who quickly made his presence felt.

However, it was Rudi Kiefer who set up City's equaliser, running the full length of the field before crossing to the unmarked Glenn Dorward who tapped the ball under the advancing Austria goalkeeper Fred Schirrip.

The next period saw City get right on top and one of the Austria defenders could only stop Ian Leaves by holding him back with his hands.

Rudi Kiefer scored from the resulting penalty, giving the Austria keeper no chance. City changed Katsviki for Tasevski but when shortly after, Leaves got injured in a tackle by Gangliamer he found themselves playing the last 15 minutes with 10 men, the injured Leaves leaving the wing.

Austria were on top in this period without being able to score and City run out 2-1 winners.

Second Division FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Mulov, penalty kick) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Belle, Telavski).

The shocking condition of the Fitzroy ground was the main reason for the poor standard of this game. JUST's play of short ground passes was affected, but it managed to score two good goals and was lucky to take the goalpost twice.

Internal quarrelling reduced Alexander to 10 players in the second half, but it rallied in the last 15 minutes and gave a real fight to JUST, after reducing the score from the penalty spot.

Fortunately for JUST, rejected goalkeeper George Stefanides, who came in the last minute to substitute for Ostrowski (went to Canberra as reserve), was in excellent form and certainly saved both points for his club.

FITZROY ALEXANDER: Moresops 5, Jankes 6, Izbu 7, Klarin 7, Niskels 7, Malesis 6, Ganas 7, Kiriakidis 6, Pavides 7 (Mulov 7), Moulis 5, Patkas 7. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Stefanides 9, Grac 7, Karic 7, Dimovski 7, Cankovic 9, Asovski 7, Telavski 6, Visic 7, Zorja 7, Petrevski 6, Belle 7.

Reserves: Fitzroy/Alexander 1. Goalkeeper for JUST: Peter Kralic.

Juniors — Under 16: Star Sport 3 d Footscray/J.U.S.T. 1. Goalkeeper for JUST: Branko Mitrovic.

Under 14: Nunawading 4 d Footscray/J.U.S.T. 2. Goalkeepers for JUST: Rajko Trkulja and Osman Latif. Under 12: Moonee Ponds 5 d Footscray/J.U.S.T. 1-1. Goalkeeper for JUST: Zoran Pasoski. Best players: Jancos Wolf, Sasa Perovic, Milan Djordjevic, Goran Simic, Zoran Vitanic, Milan Sec.

ZKA NKOLU ELTHAM 2 FERNTEE GULLY 1.
Scorers: Eltham: F. Vandersilk (22nd), R. Vandersilk (44 min.). Ferntee Gully: Teuw (55min).

ELTHAM: Dick Crowley, Raynes, Hopkinson, Circa, Gooney, Cochran, Taylor, Norton, Vandezwart, Vandersilk, McIntosh.

FERNTEE GULLY: Van, Ben, Johnson, Reetman, Sp, Clarke, Van Deffer, Sinclair, Funnell, Teuw, Van D'Olaughlin.

ELTHAM settled down and came back well to put plenty of pressure on the Ferntee Gully backline.

Vandersilk finished off a good move down and left with a hard shot which beat Holt.

Almost on half time Eltham increased their lead when a high cross from Crowley was flicked out by Holt to the feet of Vandezwart, who scored.

KNOX CITY 0 PORT MELBOURNE 2.
KNOX: L. De Man, D. Shadefield, M. Sandworth, J. Bedford, R. Van Dey, J. Howard, D. Bailey, P. Flynn, J. Williams, D. McConville, C. Milne. Reserves: M. Weston, S. Hibbert.

Third Division CHELSEA 0 DONCASTER 3.
Scorers: DONCASTER: Dersaba, 12 minutes, Anselma 17 minutes, Humble, 61 minutes.

CHELSEA: Garner, Cranch, Dobbing, Rees, Wetherston, Johnstone, Taylor, Fitzpatrick, McElanlin, Kiri, Dillip, DONCASTER: Gadd, DeRosso, Hobson, Teer, Long, Humble, Willemben, Williams, Forsyth, Anselma, Likos Sub: Hughes, Beardon, Allen.

Reserves: Chelsea 4 Doncaster 2. Doncaster came back to form with a resounding 3-0 victory over Chelsea. Full-back De Rosso started it with a fine run down the right wing which he finished off with a great goal.

Forsyth and Anselma went close several times before Anselma snapped a second right in front. The final score was by Humble.

MORWELL 1 PRAHRAN CITY 4.
Scorers: PRAHRAN CITY: Ron Brown (6 mins), Graham Hollingsworth (15 mins, 25 mins), Ron Brown (85 mins), MORWELL: David Kelly (89 mins).

MORWELL: P. Diquillo, Tait, Wilson, Bensky, Blacut, Parker, P. Diquillo, A. Bensky, N. Brown, D. Kelly, M. Farlane, Krowska, Coad.

PRAHRAN: David Graham, Joe Koba, Zoran Lazarovic, Jim Graham, Danny Holmes, Ron Brown, Donovan De Cerff, Peter O'Sullivan, Sergio Citterella, Graham Hollingsworth, Steven Friend, Geoff Salt.

Ronnie Brown opened the score for Prahran when he headed in from a corner after only 6 minutes. Prahran were completely outclassing the Falcons and went three goals up at half time. The second half saw Falcons put a little pressure on City, but Danny Holmes and the Prahran defence easily coped and Prahran went further ahead when Ronnie Brown 'wriggled' through three defenders to make it 4-0. Five minutes later Prahran's G. Hollingsworth was carried off with torn ankle ligaments.

With a minute to go, David Kelly got Falcons only goal. In the reserves game Prahran won 1-0 with a goal by Stan Bennett. This puts City top of the reserve league still unbeaten.

BRIGHTON 1 MORELAND 1.
WEST DIVISION: Sunbury v Melton, Hanley Rangers v RAAF Aspendale, Maribond v Footscray, University of Melbourne (A) v Broadmeadows.

CENTRAL DIVISION: South Tarr v Hahak St. Klids, Waverley City v Ringwood United (A), Caulfield City v Richmond, Karingal (A) v Brighton, Monash University (B) v Moorabie.

UNDER 19 COMPETITION: Sunday: Juventus v Nunawading City, South Dandenong — BYE, Geelong Cres v Essendon, Balcombe — BYE, Hahak St. Klids v Altona City.

NORTH EASTERN SOCCER LEAGUE: Sunday: Moorabie v Coburn, Kyrabam v Lemnos, Shepp. South v Shepp. City, Shepp. United v Tatura, Benalla v Seymour.

Scorers: BRIGHTON: Backwell 7 minutes, MORELAND: Marshall 69 minutes.

MORELAND: Debelugh, Kelly, Abonyi, Duncanson, Black, Acosta, Katz, Jatts, Ferretter, I. Wallace, Marshall, Subes, Evans, Ferretter, G. Potter, Drake.

Brighton attacked from the kick-off and at the 7th minute from a cross, Backwell headed. Both sides missed chances and Moreland settled down in the second half and persistent attacking play was successful when Marshall's hard shot was deflected by a defender, fumbled by the goalie and flew into the net.

Fourth Division FAWKNER 2 CORIO 0.
Scorers: Fawcett 32nd min. and Fragle 55th min.

FAWKNER: De Petro, Vecchio, Caruso, Polita, Vecchiato, Malenati, Bazzano, DeMarchi, Fragle, Epifano, Beckett (Avram second half).

Even with the absence of injured players, Baravelli, Salducci, and Schipani (at a wedding), Fawcett won its third consecutive game after 90 minutes of high standard soccer.

Both teams played well but the boys from Jukes Road kept their chances well.

Fawcett's goal average now reads 10 for 10 against.

P. ARL RANGERS 1 SANDY CITY 1.
Scorers: Parsons for Park Rangers 46th minute. Antoulin for Sandy, 88th minute.

RANGERS: Vassillon, White, Scott, McCormack, Ashton, Hill, Sekini, Parsons, West, Glime, Hargreaves, Campbell, Copley, Allen.

SANDRINGHAM: Pugliese, Allister, Ray, Davies, Grundy, Shadick, Anilino, Baggan, Fisher, Kennedy, Drda, McColgan, Palmer.

Provisional One ROSEBUD 1 NUNAWADING CITY 2.
Scorers: Nunawading (second half) Port, Marinas.

ROSEBUD: Scultz, Vanlin, Anderson, Thomas, Deeds, Spender, Blakey, Baptist, Crampton, Ford, Arnold.

NUNAWADING: Miller, Parrott, Moore, P. Mullett, Dean, Diamonds, Perri, West, Nolan, Middlemist, Mylonas, Phil Muller, K. Middlemist.

GREENSBOROUGH 1 GEELONG 3.
Scorers: Koenen, 20th min. Prior 35th and 55th min. Greensborough 55th min.

GREENSBOROUGH: Payne, Norris, Koenen, Robertson, Sirkadi, Gentry, Verr, Hoff, Maruff, McGill, Beard, Berners, Bern, Ferrier.

GEELONG: Slack, Mackin, Baggan, Gray, Perry, Madgwick, Burt, Warnock, Matulich, Ogilvy, Carruthers, Howarth.

Greensborough was off to a good start and took the lead in the 20th minute when Koenen found the top left hand corner from a corner taken by McGill. Goro was dominating all over the field but in the 35th minute, Prior took advantage of a defensive error and put the ball into the net.

At this stage Greensborough began to lose control and Prior again scored in the 40th minute through another defensive error.

With the chips down Greensborough really started to fight and the Geelong goals were peppered with shots from McGill and Beard, and Slack in the Geelong goal was forced to make several good saves.

After the interval Greensborough took the initiative once more but in the 75th minute Warnock scored the sealer for the home team.

Provisional Two CENTRAL ALTONA 1 (Markovski penalty), MELTON 1.
Central Altona opened its new ground at Pramania Avenue, North Altona, with this match.



Eddy Sorokowski

Pegasus still flying high

By RON DARLINGTON

Plenty of goals, plenty of excitement and some excellent soccer characterised matches. Indicative of the fact that this week's Victorian Industrial League, after Round 10, has four main League leaders and 14 matches were drawn or decided by the odd goal.

Pegasus are still flying high in Division One after defeating R.A.C.V. 3-2 in a match where good soccer was predominant.

It was even closer at Bowater Scott where the Scotties were losing 0-2 to Tarax 'A' after 20 minutes, but by methodical play they gradually advanced to a 3-2 lead only to see Tarax share the points with a late equaliser.

Another close game saw Wills gain a point at Meko Holdings despite Meko's dominance. In fact they could have won but Victor Ristevich, who scored from the spot last time, saved one this week to keep the scores level.

Two penalties to Roman Leathgods helped them to a 4-2 win over Sperry Vickers. Vilm Borovnik scored them both and added another for a hat-trick.

Public Works 'A' put Bosch Dynamo 'A' into the lead with an own goal early on and Ron Rice got the clincher two minutes from time.

Colyer Watson Rovers are the new leaders in Division Two but to struggle to get there. Twice they came from behind against B.A.S. and it took a spectacular diving header from Charlie Covelli to score the winner.

Close marking by A.N.Z. Bank 'A' earned them their first win and resulted in T.A.A.'s first defeat of the season.

The wind spoiled the Diacraft v Philips Motors match. It was so strong the Diacraft keeper was dropping the ball into the Morrisons penalty area, not that Mladen Matic cared. It helped him.

Coaching clinics
Coaching clinics run by John Kennedy, Gary Cole, Paddy Sloan and others will be held at Kingswood College, Box Hill on May 15, 16 and 17.

Anyone interested in taking part should ring Ken Lyon on 781 1795. A seven-a-side tournament featuring 12 teams will take place at Kingswood College today (Wednesday) from 12.30 pm.

Serge out all season
Box Hill striker Serge Berardin will be out of action for six months.

Berardin's eye was split by broken glass after a rock shattered the windshield of the car he was driving. He was lucky not to lose sight from the damaged eye.

As part of the treatment he will have to stay in a special 'dark room' for a month.

It's a big blow for Box Hill coach Colin Hazler, who reckoned the front line combination of Berardin, Ray Taylor and Ian Tuffield was the best in the First Division. However, the Hillmen have Ray 'The Tank' Sherman in Berardin's place, and he will cause many headaches to opposing back fours.

Benalla unbeaten

Benalla remains the only unbeaten team in the Victorian North-Eastern League. Results: Tatura v Shepparton City, seniors 4-2, reserves 0-1, Juniors 5-0, minors 0-0. Cobram v Shepparton United, 1-1, 1-1, 2-4, 3-1. Lemnos v Maroopa 5-0, 0-0, 2-1, no midgoals. Kyrabam v Kyabram 3-1, 1-1, 7-0, no midgoals. Seymour v Shepparton South 1-5, 0-3, 3-3. Senior standings: Benalla 8, Lemnos 6, Cobram 5, Shepp. Sth 4, Shepp. C., Shepp. Utd. 4, Tatura 4, Kyabram 2, Maroopa 2, Seymour 1.

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State League team of week

Number of appearances in team of the week in brackets:

WHITESIDE (Hak.)			
PLESSA (Alt.)	YZENDORN (Slavia)	WALKER (Juv)	GILLESPIE (Frank)
K. MURPHY (Cro.)	DAPERS (Hak.)	P. MURPHY (Geo. Cross)	
TAYLOR (Alt.)	KRNCVIC (Cro.)	QUINN (Alt.)	

Victorian State League with KYLE PATTERSON

Pfisterer to move



Uli Pfisterer (pictured) of Juventus (Vic.) is looking for offers.

Pfisterer, 26, said he was not happy at Juventus — and that he wanted to move to another State League club, or perhaps to a Phillips League club.

Pfisterer played for the West German national amateur team while he was with Berlin club Hertha 03 which has often toured Australia.

He played for the young Hertha team that won the German youth championship. Pfisterer played as a forward for Juventus last season, and apart from Flemming Medallist Mick Watkins, was the team's best player of 1977.

Clubs interested in signing Pfisterer can ring him at home on 772 7462.



Centre back George Maikousis (pictured) is on Albion Leyland's transfer list at his own request.

Maikousis said he had been unhappy at Albion for some time.

Maikousis said he would like to play for another club in the western suburbs.

He can be contacted on 393 2441 (home) or 654 4333 ext 243 (work).



Essendon Croatia last week signed former Albion Leyland coach Billy Whitehead (pictured) as coach of its reserves and under 19s.

McArthur played many State League seasons with Croatia in the sixties and coached Albion to promotion last year.

He also played for APIA in Sydney.

Rothmans goalie of the week

Billy Whitehead of Hakoah is the Rothmans goalkeeper of the week for the third time this season. The leading goalkeeper will receive \$250 at the end of the year. Progressive scores

This week's games

This week's State League games:

SATURDAY
Juventus v Frankston City (Olympic Park).
Green Gully v Ringwood (Green Gully Reserve).
SUNDAY
George Cross v Sunshine City (Chaplin Res., Sunshine).
Albion Leyland v Essendon (Selwyn Park, Sunshine).
Preston v Prahran Slavia (B.T. Connor res., Reservoir).
Hakoah St. Kilda v Altona City (Middle Park).

Altona proves critics wrong

ALTONA 3 (Taylor 5th min., Banagan 11th min., Brown pon. 38th min.) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Glasson 30th min., McMillan 55th min.)

ALTONA: van der Ploeg, Piazza (Hak.), Grunberg, Murray, Traill, Bissess, Walters, Brown, Banagan, Haskins, Taylor (Wakman 75th min.). MAKEDONIA: Lumsden, Petrovski, Hallan, Brerwick, Bladford, Glasson, McClymont, Lashari, Blanton, McMillan, Flaherty (Injured (Soc. 50th min.)).

Makedonia slumped to its second successive defeat at the hands of plucky Altona, which is determined to show the critics that it isn't a relegation possibility.

Makedonia, which budgeted \$100,000 at the start of the season to build its team, is now three from the bottom, and the club's fans are far from happy.

Coach Billy Dumbell must be feeling the pressure and some of his positional moves in this game indicate that he is getting desperate.

He had striker Paul Hallam at centre back in place of Paul Glasson, who moved into the midfield. Lube Petrovski, a midfielder played at left back, leaving Stefan Trajkovski, a natural full back, out of the team once again.

Chris Glennon played as a striker, in one move that was successful. Despite all the rearranging, Makedonia looked flat and lacked the zip and speed that was a trademark of the team in the early Ampol Cup games.

Altona coach Joe Wilson had a smile from ear to ear after the game. Last season his team didn't win an Ampol Cup game, but finished well up the ladder.

"We were rubbish after our showing in the Ampol Cup but the lads have pride, and they're out to prove the critics wrong," he said.

"Anyway, we enjoy starting as underdogs. When you spend a lot of money like Preston has you expect results. The pressure is on them."

Wilson is a shrewd coach. He wants to keep his club in the State League and looks like he will, even though he's working 'on a shoestring budget'.

Makedonia's defence started the game badly, then fell away. It conceded two goals in the first eleven minutes, and was as loose as could be.

Tom Brewerton had a nightmare game and was beaten in the air every time by Con Ignatidis. Altona took advantage of this and hit plenty of high balls at Ignatidis, who often found Bob Taylor with headed flick-ons.

Taylor exploited every inch of space he had, and his workrate was high. All of the Altona team did a lot of running and this and their will to win gave them the edge over Makedonia.

Even when Makedonia got on top in the last 30 minutes of the game, Altona answered the challenge with grim, determined defence.

During that period, big George McMillan tried his heart out, but once when in a good position, he blazed over the bar.

It was a physical game, and several players were booked. Brian Flaherty came off second best when he went into a tackle with George Train, and he was replaced by Steve Beech. Flaherty injured his knee in the clash.

Rob Gramsbergen played his best game of the season and along with Train was Altona's best defender.

After Altona's game 2-0 up, Makedonia pulled one back with a goal by Paul Glasson.

However, Altona was unstoppable in its first half, and Albion Brown restored its two goal lead from the penalty spot after Ignatidis was brought down in the area.

Peter Lumsden, who had a good game between the sticks when he was given, saved Brown's original kick, but could do nothing as Brown

ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Krnecvic 20th min., Murphy 75th min.) HAKOAH 1 (Clarey 70th min.)

CROATIA: Franjic, Smart, Gardiner, Kokoska, Bilaver, Andrews, Kerr, Murphy, Dunning, Krnecvic, Culina. HAKOAH: Whiteside, Rainey (Owens, 15th min.), Jordanou, Baker, Valli, Daparis, Galsby, Edmondson, Craig, Clarey, French.

New-look Hakoah needs time to settle down before it will be a threat to the leaders. That became apparent after the team's performance against league leaders Croatia.

Hakoah played well in patches, but never looked like unsettling the professional Croatia outfit.

Graham French was disappointing, but it was his first game since the end of last season when he was with South Melbourne Hellas. He tried to get into the game but it will take a few games before he finds his feet.

Anton Dosen was mysteriously missing from the Hakoah line-up, and Mike Rainey came off after 15 minutes. He had had an illness during the week and hadn't fully recovered.

Eddie Krnecvic played excellently in the first half but was less effective in the second 45 minutes. However, his heading was superb and he nodded the ball past Billy Whiteside after 20 minutes.

As Croatia was to find out, putting the past Whiteside is not an easy thing to do.

Whiteside saved Hakoah several times. Saves from Krnecvic headers and a Tommy Cumming shot brought expressions of frustration from the Croatia players.

Once again, Croatia's game was built around strong running and backing up, with fine individual efforts from Ken Murphy, Cumming, Krnecvic and Branko Culina the icing on the cake.

Hakoah equalised in the second half when Mike Clarey's per-



A familiar sight at Sunshine — Ian Petherick coaching his reserve team from the roof. Picture by PETER DESIRA.

Wilding after a floated cross from the right.

Juve's second goal was just as good but more of a team effort. A succession of one-touch passes ended with Claude Lucchessi slotting the ball past Wilding.

FRANKSTON 2 (Eadie 2, 4th min., 55th min.) ALBION LEYLAND 1 (Mitten, 30th min.)

FRANKSTON: Petersen, V. Bannan, Campbell, (Williamson), Irvine, Gillespie, G. Bannan, Webster, Tulloch, MacGregor, Eadie (Bail) Fox.

ALBION: Oliver, Daparis, McCormack, McCusky, Johnston, D'Sylva, Davidson, Greenish, McIntyre, Mitten, Quinn.

Frankston's Seaford Reserve will probably be a bogy ground for a few teams by the end of the season.

Brian Eadly has moulded Frankston into a tough-tackling, no-nonsense team and no side will relish playing the Bay-side boys on their home soil.

So far this season, Ringwood City and now Albion have made the trek back to Melbourne as losers with more of a few bruises.

Albion had to reshuffle its team after George Maikousis refused to play, and big Bill McCormack dropped back to centre half for the second successive game.

Albion was on top in the first half but the game was still close.

Frankton went ahead in the fourth minute with a Gus Eadie goal, and Mitten equalised in the 30th minute.

Alan Quinn and Noel Mitten were Albion's best players, but Sandy Irvine and Ian Gillespie stopped a lot of dangerous raids by the Albion pair.

If McCormack had played up front, his bulk may have opened up more room for Mitten and Quinn against the giant Frank of Irvine, Gillespie and Norrie Campbell.

Albion's hopes of going home with a point took a dive when McCormack was sent off 10 minutes into the second half.

McCusky protested too strongly, in the referee's view, after Eadie had scored after receiving the ball in what looked to be an offside position. The linesman and referee didn't even consider ruling Eadie offside, and McCormack was so incensed he said a few things that he will no doubt regret.

Down to 10 men, Albion was on the defensive for the last 35 minutes and could make no headway against Frankston's rough style.

Ringwood's attacks consisted mainly of long, hopeful balls up the middle that Steve Walker covered well.

Juve entertained with its skillful, open soccer, and John Holton's goal, the team's third, was a gem. He ghosted in on the blind side of the Ringwood defence and whacked a volley past Paul

SUNSHINE CITY 3 (D. Nelson 12th 73rd, McRobert 55th). GREEN GULLY Ajax 0.

SUNSHINE: Scholten, Dixey, Ellis, R. Nelson, Howe, Mussel, Banagan, Cook, McRobert, Pocock (Gilmour 58th), D. Nelson.

AJAX: Danyis, Kialin, Donaldson, Berens (J. Thompson 58th), Thomson, Patton, Vassallo, McCarty, Gambin (Torner 58th), Tribuzio, Perkins.

Coach Duncan McKay laces headaches galore after a poor Green Gully display in which it had more of the play yet never seriously threatened John Scholter in the Sunshine goal.

McKay put the defeat down to Ajax's build-ups being too slow. With the side being 0-1 down at half time, he made a bold move in pushing full back Les Thomson forward.

Thomson was on top for the first twenty minutes of the second half, yet conceded two goals from breakaway moves, said McKay.

Gully had failed in its talk to sign John Cain and Steve Bennie from Slavia before the match. Slavia have demanded a one-touch pass to be close to \$10,000 for the pair and will not negotiate.

The Greens expect to solve the problem up front with the arrival of a striker from England on Thursday, and have set the wheels in motion to get a midfielder, who is presently playing for Maclefield in England it might also renew its interest in Gordon McCulloch of West Adelaide Hellas, who McKay knew during his spell in Perth.

Sunshine too are looking for a midfielder, and have had talks with Nick Love of Mooroolbark. The \$8,000 asking price is a bit beyond its means, he said.

Sunshine's two close-season signings — Bernie Parkin from Hakoah and George Nierobiaz from Polonia were both on the bench.

Parkin and Will Liling were made the suspects for the 0-2 defeat by Juventus the previous week. Coach Bill Walsh put Steve Ellis in the back line, and Frank Nierobiaz in midfield in their place.

Sunshine looked very solid in defence. Hugh Howe hardly gave any trouble, and Steve Bennie, George Tribuzio was well covered by Robert Nelson and Ellis, and Mike Dixey nullified David Parkin for most of the match.

City's front runners found plenty of room to work in and worked well throughout.

Ray Pocock was the best man allied until he limped off with an ankle injury in the 58th minute.

Sunshine's first goal was his making. He found David Nelson with a defence-splitting pass, and slipped the ball past the advancing Lou Denys.

Denys made two brilliant saves in the first half and was responsible for keeping Ajax in the game.

Jimmy McRobert scored City's second goal in the 55th minute when he ran onto a through pass and made no mistake with only the keeper to beat.

Dave Nelson hit home the third after Nick Cook had won the ball from John Paton near the bye line.

Scholten, with the new-look short back and sides haircut, (he recently joined the police force) had an easy afternoon and was called upon to make only one save, having to come out and punch the ball off Perkins' head from a Willie Vassallo free kick.

Tribuzio had two chances to goal, but he headed wide on both occasions.

Sunshine ran out easy winners in the end and on this form stand a chance of upsetting George Cross this week, more so because the game is being played at Sunshine.

Gully gave Ringwood at home in the bottom of the table clash, and the backing improves does Gully stand a chance of getting any points.

PETER DESIRA.

Ebini's goal the winner

SLAVIA 1 (Paton pon. 90th min.) GEORGE CROSS 2 (Paparas 15th min., Ebini 85th min.)

SLAVIA: Clarke, Thompson, Zyzendorn, Miller, Short, Train, Plummer (Torner 70th min.), Bolton, Paton, Aldridge, Williams.

GEORGE CROSS: Rice, McConville, Milod, Mialand, Barron, Ismail, Cutlar, Webb, Reid, Murphy, Paparas (Ebini, 85th min.).

George Cross veteran Kevin Kelly rocked the club this week by requesting a transfer.

It came at a time when it looked as though George's play troubles were over.

Good news for George Cross is the form of Gerry Rice. He signed with George from Green Gully, and before that he played in the same South Liverpool league as Steve Bennie (Slavia). Rice looks more than capable of covering for Lou Kattner, the George keeper of 16 years who has vowed never to play with the club again.

At Slavia, it's between Green Gully Ajax and a Melbourne-based Phillips League side in the bidding for transfer-listed midfielder star Steve Bennie.

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ZIKA NIKOLIC



Posle utakmice sa Kanberom City u JUST-ovoj avlacionici vladao je mukli tajac. Niko se nije presvijao, iako je tečno da se moraju spremili na vrat na nos, jer do polaska aviona za Melbourn nije bilo ni 40 minuta.

"Sta je ljudi sa vama? Sto ste se urnisli? Nismo izgubili utakmicu," pokušao je da ih odobrovolji Mirko Rujevic, koji se presvijao pre ostalih, jer je u 65. minutu bio zamenjen. Lako je objasniti kada neresen rezultat stvara dva različita raspoloženja. Kad vodiš sa 1:0 pa protivnik izjednači pred kraj utakmice, osećas se da si izgubio bod. Ali ako protivnik vodi sa 1:0, a ti izjednačiš, onda se raduješ osvojenom body. Tako je bilo sa JUST-om u Kanberi. Imao je dva boda u džepu, ali je pred kraj utakmice morao da se grovito bori za jedan bod. Ipak, neresen rezultat najbolje odgovara igri. Prema odnosu kornera, 8:5 za domaćina, Canberra City je bila bolja, ali najlepšu sansu je imao JUST. Da je Dragan Vasic dao gol u 54. minutu, kada je tri puta mlako sutirao u prazan gol, JUST bi poveo sa 2:0, što bi bio kraj Canberra City.

Canberra City je igrao agresivno, oštro, po potrebi i grubo. Golman Denis Boland dobio je udarac kad god je uhvatio loptu. Koliko je puta lezao na zemlji, a da sudija nije zaustavio igru? Završio je utakmicu sa cvorugom na glavi, koja je velika kao ja-j.

Canberra City ima sve uslove da postane veliki klub. Dobila je jedan od najboljih stadiona u Australiji, ima najbolje navijače i nekoliko velikih dobitnika, a ni igrači nisu loši. Uzbudljivu utakmicu nadmašio je filmski put autobusom od stadiona do aerodroma. Policajac Peter Perkins je na motorciku sproveo autobus sa JUST-ovim igračima preko livada i poljana do aerodroma, jer su saobraćaj zakrčili posetioći utakmice.

Iduće subote JUST igra protiv St. George Budaepsta na Middle Parku u Melbournu.

DRUGI TIM NA PRVOM MESTU

Zorajina ceta je sa mukom savladala Fitzroy/Alexandra sa 2:1 (1:0). Da nije bilo peha u prvom poluvremenu (dve stativne), pobeđa bi bila daleko veća i ne bi bilo nervoze pred kraj utakmice. Sramota je da Alexander igra na takvom igralistu, koje ne bi smeo da odobri ni jedan sudija. Na zalost sudija je bio vise nego los, ostetio je obe strane, ali najvise "plave". Alexander mora posvetiti vecu pažnju disciplini, jer je ružno videti kako se igrači tuku među sobom. Junak ove utakmice bio je Djordje Stefanides, koga je klub odobrio kao golmana dok je bio drugih, ali je Stefanides diktao da je dobar sportista i pomogao je kad se od njega zatražilo. Branio je fantastično zadnjih 15 minuta, kada je Aleksander zaigrao kao prporodjen sa igračem manje.

Iduće subote JUST igra protiv Knox City predigrnu na Middle Parku. Utakmica počinje u 1 sat po podne, a rezerve u bodne.

PROVIZIONALNA LIGA

Hotham United — INTER/Williamstown 2:5 (0:3). Beli su održali nogometnu kekciju protivniku, narocito u prvom poluvremenu. Strelci: Zvonko Macanovic 2, Simo Dragojevic, Ante Cetinic i Franjo Drozdek. Sastav: Zarko Stefanovic, Johan Najdek, Marko Najdek, Karlo Madi, Mirko Bekar, Franjo Drozdek, Stevo Hrehorasin, Stevo Belurov, Simo Dragojevic, Ante Cetinic, Zvonko Macanovic.

Central Altona — Melton 1:1 (0:0). Pred velikom posetom, oko 700 ljudi, obavljena je svečana primopredaja novog stadiona, a onda je pocela utakmica dva vodoca tima druge divizione. Melton je bio bolji u prvom poluvremenu, ali je jefitino dosao do gola. Golman surbeviski je sutirao pravo u protivničkog igrača, od koga se lopta odbila u mrežu Central Altona. Pred kraj je Central Altona uspeła da izjednači sa bele tacke, posto je Djordje Markovski srusen pred golom. On je izveo uspesno najstrožiju kaznu u 88. minutu. Sastav: Surbeviski, STANKOVSKI, LOZANOVSKI, TUNDJEVSKI, NAUMOVSKI, SEROVSKI, LAZAREVSKI, KOKOVSKI, MARKOVSKI, STOJEVSKI, DERUSOVSKI (Filjanovski). Najbolji igrači: STANKOVSKI i NAUMOVSKI.

Carlton/SRBIA — Bendigo 2:2 (1:1). Srbija je vodila sa 2:1, ali je olako dosuđen penal, iako se prekršaj dogodio izvan sesnaeserca, pomogao Bendigu da izjednači. Trener Zika Karic je izjavio: "Dve teske povere lise ce nas kostati nego ukrajinski bod". Povredjeni su Jovan Samanovic i Milan Okovic, sto je tezak udarac za klub pred tesku utakmicu sa Meltonom. Na treningu je icalso nogu Mirko Jovanovic, tako da ce biti problema sa sastavom tima. Strelci protiv Bendiga: Ljube Ivanovski i Milan Okovic. Sastav Carlton/Srbije: Velisavljevic, Stojnic, Ceranic, Boris Stojceviski, Polenic, Samanovic, Ivanovski, Velickovic, Bjelogrić, Vasko Stojceviski.

OPROSTILI SE LEPOM IGROM

JUST/Geelong — University of Melbourne 7:1 (4:0). Dva brata Ivica i Petar Dulic su odigrali danas oproštajnu utakmicu, jer odlaze u domovinu na odsluženje vojnog roka. Igrali su zatajili odusevili brojnu publiku. Tesko je naci za njih pravu zamenu. Strelci: Petar Dulic 3, Dany Dvilić i Ivica Dulic. Zanimljivo je da je Vlado Briskovski postigao drugi pogodak ove godine, tako protivnik jos ni jedanput nije zatražio mrežu "plavih" iz Geelonga. Sastav: V. Kolak, Popovski, Ambroz, Babic, I. Kolak, V. Briskovski, Z. Briskovski (Filipovski, Stojanovski), I. Dulic, P. Dulic, D. Dvilić, Friend. Iduće nedelje JUST gostuje u Broadmeadowsu.

AMATERSKA PRVENSTVA

Yarville — Pelister/Pascoe Vale 1:0. Rezerve 2:0. Sve je bilo u redu sa Pelisterom do protivničkog gola, ali tu su zatajili pupci. Najbolji igrači: Tome Nedelkovski, Mirjo Dzanovski, Bil Dzanovski.

Vojvodina/Wiltona — North Melbourne 1:1 (0:1). Uspesna igra "crveno-belih" nije uradila plodom, zbog mlake igre pred protivničkom golom. Vojvodina nije dala ni jedan gol ovog puta, jer je izjednačenje deneo autogol. Sastav Vojvodine: Peska, Stojanovski, Kitanovski, Sklenar (Kuleviski), Oravec, Kordanovski, Dimitrijeviski, Simonovski, Gallo, M. Stresnjak, A. Stresnjak.

INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA

BOWATER SCOTT — TARAX 3:3 (0:2). Tarakovci su povel sa 2:0, ali im je ponestalo snage, pa se rezultat preokrenuo u 3:2 za protivnika. Tek pred kraj Dragan Pantic je uspeo da izjednači. Glavna atrakcija je bio Ibro Hadziabdic, koji je prvi put nastupio sa veteranima JUST-a, kada mu se vec nije ostvarila zelja da igra sa njima kao mlad. Strelci: Milos Adamovic, Ibro Hadziabdic, Dragan Pantic.

PEGASUS — R.A.C.V. 3:2 (1:1). Moralo je biti 12 golova u protivničkoj brezi, ali se najbolji igrač Vili Ovcar borio da obori redord u promasivanju i uspeo je. Strelci: Sabljak 2, Ovcar 1. Sastav: Kurjan 7, T. Placko 6, Harris 6, Petalinek 8, Moorie 8, Stanovic 6, Sabljak 8, M. Placko 6, Fug 6, Pavlovic 7, Ovcar 8.

JUNIORI

Kao sto se očekivalo, juniori JUST-a su morali da odigraju dve najvaznije utakmice u gostima bez zvaničnog sudije. Logično, izgubili su iako su dovoljno urinili da izvuku neresene rezultate ako ne i pobeđe. Ali to je dobra skola za "plave", a losa za one koji ne mogu bez tate i cike ni loptu da pikaju.

Women stronger

Women's soccer in Sutherland Shire (NSW) is booming.

The women's competition started in 1976 with 14 teams, increased to 22 teams in 1977 and now has 35 teams, from 17 junior men's clubs.

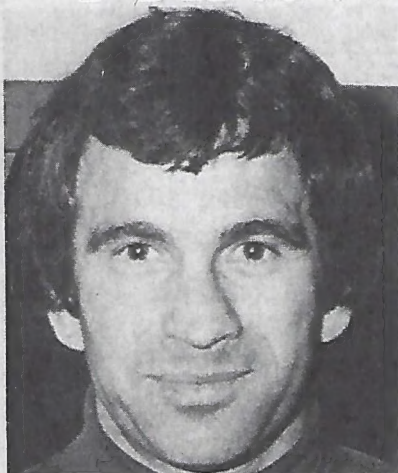
The local junior association organised the women's games as well as organising 8000 boys and men who play on Saturdays and Sundays.

The girls start playing at the age of 10. There are three age groups — 10-12 years, 13 to under 16 and senior for 16 and over. The seniors are split into first and second divisions.

FRANK MICIC, 37:

King will play on!

By KYLE PATTERSON



Frank Micic — about 600 games for JUST, 60 for Victoria and seven for Australia.

Veteran Footscray J.U.S.T. star Frank Micic is going to make a comeback — and he'd like to play in the Philips League.

The evergreen former Socceroo the King of Victorian soccer, thinks he could help J.U.S.T. climb up the P.S.L. ladder, and says that age is no barrier.

"It doesn't matter how old you are," said Maestro Micic, "as long as you are fit and can

help the side you play for. I don't drink or smoke, and I think my experience could help the youngsters in the J.U.S.T. side. They need someone on the field to guide them."

However, Victorian First division side Western Suburbs has been trying to talk Micic into signing with it for the past month, and it looks as though Micic will soon be playing in West's colors.

The 37-year-old Micic has been out of soccer this season because of work commitments — he's building a block of villa units — but the project should be finished within two weeks.

Although he's been playing soccer for more than 18 years, his enthusiasm and love for the game have never wavered. He can sit and talk about soccer for hours. Remarkably he has spent all but one of his 18 years in Australian soccer with J.U.S.T., a record that stands alone. The other season — 1968 — was spent with South Melbourne Hellas.

Micic says he has at least another two years of good soccer left in him. While many people probably think he should retire now, Micic believes experienced players should stay in the game, even if it's at the expense of youth.

"Too many players are rushed into top teams," said Frank, "just because they are young. Young players should prove themselves in a lower division and then, when they are brought into a team, there should be experienced players to help them. Billy Rogers" (South Melbourne Hellas midfielder) suggestion (in a "SOCCER ACTION" article) that Australia should pick all young players for the national team wouldn't work. We need older players, like Jimmy Rooney, in the team."

That's just one of Frank's opinions that would raise a few eyebrows, and maybe start off a few arguments. He has so many interesting things to say about soccer that it would probably take up



Micic's former national team mate Mita Stojanovic tackles John Morrissey of Everton.



Rocky Frangioni (Juventus) — first man to mark Micic.



Jimmy Rooney — Micic says we still need him in the national team.

one whole issue of "SOCCER ACTION" if we were to print them all!

Micic's soccer career began in his native Yugoslavia, where he played as a junior.

When he was 17 his family migrated to the U.S.A. but Frank stopped over in Italy.

"I stayed in Italy for one and a half years," said Frank "and during that time I played in a small local league. It was very physical but it helped me. Players should learn from every game they play, no matter what standard it is."

A few of Frank's friends were migrating to Australia from Italy and he decided to join them — the day before the ship sailed!

"I was too young to know any better," said Frank, "I went to see the immigration officials in Italy and the next day I was on my way to Australia!"

On the way over, Frank met three Yugoslavs, who were going to Australia to play with J.U.S.T. Frank, who says he was "all ears" in his younger days, sized up the situation and decided that he too would join J.U.S.T.

"I would listen, but not talk back when I was young," said Micic. "Unfortunately, a lot of young soccer players today aren't willing to listen and learn."

Micic was met by J.U.S.T. officials when he got off the boat in Melbourne, and two days later he played his first of about 600 games for the club.

"I played in the J.U.S.T. reserves against Geelong," said Frank, "as did the other three players who had just arrived. My legs were still shaking from the long boat trip, but we managed to draw 2-2."

Micic, who was 19 when he arrived in Australia, played the next week, again in the reserves. He scored a hat trick in his team's 3-0 win over Box Hill reserves and by doing so won promotion to the first team. It's ironic that Micic, who had not really been expected by the J.U.S.T. officials, was the only one of the four newly-arrived players to graduate to the J.U.S.T. first team.

● Some of Micic's most illustrious team mates, from top left, working down, left to right: Goalkeeper Marko Fode and full back Peter Stubbo (left); half back Cec Dixon in a tussle with Anderson of Hellas; inside forward Vero Mladenovic; left winger Tommy Stankovic; centre forward Ivan Piki and left back Milenko Rusmir.



JUST, 1969, back row from left: Rasic (coach), Fode, Utjesenovic, Micic, Colovic, Cirkovic, Zoraja, Buljevic. Front: Adamovic, Stankovic, Mihailovic, Rice, Milisavljevic, Lukic, Rusmir.



JUST, 1976, standing from left: Cirkovic (coach), Boland, Adamgikis, Parrott, Kondarios, Buljevic, Kazi, Micic; front: Picioane, Palinkas, Ristovski, Ilioski, Kriaris, and the late Roger Mervic (masseur).

Champions all-but none greater than he



AGE NO BARRIER

Micic's first team debut for J.U.S.T. was a game he'll never forget. It was against Juventus, top dogs of the State League at the time.

"I had Rocky Frangioni marking me," said Micic, "and I soon found that Australian soccer was very physical. Early in the game I tried to shield the ball from Rocky, but he just charged through, took the ball and sent me flying!"

Juventus won the game 4-1 and a few games later, Micic drifted back, into the reserves.

"I needed time to adapt to the harder style of soccer," said Frank, "but I knew I was good enough." Micic regained his first team spot soon after and went on to become the heart and soul of J.U.S.T.

It was against Juventus a couple of years later in the Dockerty Cup that Frank played what he considered to be two of his most memorable games.

"All the papers said that Juventus would kill us," said Frank. "With four minutes of the game remaining they led only 1-0. I picked up a ball near the centre circle, ran about 10 yards and then wacked the ball at goal. It went in, and the game ended 1-1."

The papers then said that we were lucky, and that Juve would easily win the replay. We were down 0-2 at half time in the second match, but we fought back and won 3-2. It was a great effort."

Many of the players who played those games against Juventus were in the 1963 J.U.S.T. team, which, in Frank's opinion, was the best the club has had. The 1963 team lined up like this:

Marko Fode, Rale Rasic, Billy Rice, Milenko Rusic, Cec Dixon, Frank Micic, Enio Marinovic, Vero Mladenovic, Ivan Piki, Mirko Pejovic, Tommy Stankovic.

In 1963 J.U.S.T. won the State League championship and the Dockerty Cup. That "double" hasn't been achieved by any other J.U.S.T. team. A full list of the honors J.U.S.T. won the Micic in the team reads as follows:

1960 — Ampol Cup and Australian Ampol Cup
1963 — State League and Dockerty Cup
1966 — Ampol Cup
1969 — State League
1971 — State League
1973 — State League
1974 — State League Cup
1975 — State League Cup
1976 — State League Cup and Dockerty Cup.

Another memorable game for Frank was the 1963 Dockerty Cup final between Polonia and J.U.S.T. Footscray won 4-3 and Micic says it was the "greatest club match ever played in Victoria."

As well as playing over 600 club matches, Micic has played for Victoria 60 times and represented Australia in seven official games.

"My most memorable game for Victoria was against Roma of Italy in the 1960's," said Frank. "There were about 45,000 people jammed into Olympic Park, and it was a beautiful day for soccer. Victoria went down 2-4, but we gave a good account of ourselves."

During his time in the State team, Micic played alongside Vic Janczyk (Polonia) and Mike de Bruyckere (Ringwood City). Along with Tommy Stankovic, those two are the greatest players to play in Australia, in Frank's opinion.

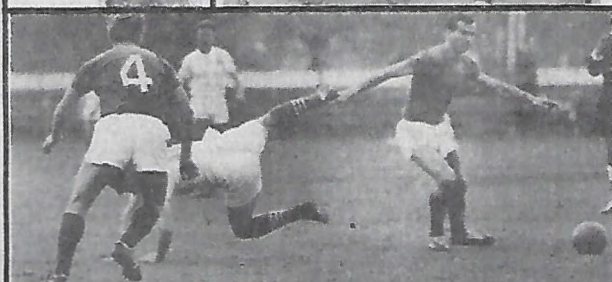
"I learned a lot from Janczyk, de Bruyckere and Stankovic," said Micic. "Young players must learn for themselves how to play soccer. No coach can teach a player how to play."

Micic's first experience with the Australian team left him very disappointed. Frank picks up the story.

"I was selected in a 22-man squad for 9 games against the touring Everton in 1964. I went to Sydney and was picked in the 'B' team which played a trial game against Canterbury. We won 4-0, and I scored a goal. Then someone in the 'A' team had to pull out because of an injury and because both teams only had the bare 11 players I was asked to play again." Micic had just stepped off the field after the 'B' game, and went straight back into action.

"They were real pressure games," he continues, "as everyone was fighting for a place and the honor of representing their country."

The 'A' team played at Hakoah, and won 2-1, with the irrepressible Micic scoring



Micic's career in pictures, from top left to right, working down:

- With JUST president Tony Kovac after being honored with a special award for service to Victorian soccer last year;
- Holding up the 1976 Dockerty Cup, with team mate Joe Palinkas;
- Celebrating after a match, with Ambrose Morgan (left), Keith van der Pool and Billy Rice;
- Action in the early sixties — Cec Dixon (left), Joe Keenan (falling) and referee Lou Stalrace (right);
- One of Micic's 60-odd games for Victoria — this one against Everton;
- An aerial duel with George Cross star Don Hodgson;
- As runner-up in the 1973 Rothmans Medal, he congratulates winner Vince Bannon of Alexander. Micic won two Argus Medals, finished second once and third twice, and also won the Bill Fleming Player of the Year award;
- Coming off the field with team mates including Rale Rasic (second from right);
- Tackled by Alexander's Xanthopoulos during the 1968 season with Hellas;
- A familiar sight — Micic being congratulated after scoring a goal;
- Micic the true sportsman — trying to help Slavia opponent Sandy Jones who has broken a leg. At right is the late national team masseur Lou Lazzari.



"The coach, Jim Kenna, was very impressed," said Micic, "and said that I would definitely play in the first Everton v. Australia game in Melbourne."

However, much to Frank's disappointment and anger, he was put on the bench. "I was going to come on as a substitute 30 minutes from the end," said Micic, "but Everton wouldn't allow it. The Everton officials said there were to be no substitutions unless a player was injured."

"Everton didn't muck around, and beat Australia 8-2 in that Melbourne game. Most of the touring teams these days treat their visit to Australia as a holiday."

Micic got his big chance in the Sydney game and played at centre half. He was picked

played most of his early games for Victoria there.

"I had to play as a stopper for Victoria," said Micic, "because we had two very good half backs — Tony Vella and Janczyk. It wasn't until Vella drifted out of the Victoria side that I played in my normal position of wing half for the State."

Australia lost 1-4 to Everton in Sydney, but did better than it had done in Melbourne. At half time the score was 1-1. Micic says that Derek Temple and Jimmy Gabriel were the best Everton players.

The Australian team for that game included goalkeeper Ron Lord, Les Scheinflug (coach of Brisbane Lions last season), Leo Baumgartner (former Austrian international), Tommy Stankovic, Herbert

international) and Mita Stojanovic, who played 185 games for Red Star of Yugoslavia.

Although Micic may have played his last game for J.U.S.T., his contribution to that club and to soccer should never be forgotten. If he does transfer to Wests, it may affect his chances of being given a testimonial, but this man really does deserve one.

Hopefully, Micic will not be lost from soccer when he retires from playing. With his wealth of knowledge and experience, he would make a great coach.

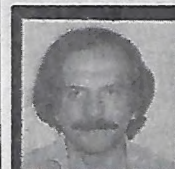
"Most young Australian players are brought up in soccer incorrectly," said Frank. "They are taught to tackle hard and run non-stop,

should be the first thing they learn."

"Players should learn how to pace themselves as they do in German soccer, so they have plenty of energy left for the last 15 minutes of a game, when they might have to go all out to equalise or get a winning goal, or absorb pressure and hold on to a one-goal lead."

"I think Alexander players are suffering from too much physical training. I talked to a few of them and they said the team is stale and jaded. That's why it isn't doing too well."

Frak Micic still is the father-figure of Victorian soccer and it will be a long time before we see another player with the same dedication, skill and



PETER GEORGIOU
of the
'Hellenic Herald'

ΟΙ ΦΙΛΑΘΛΟΙ ΚΑΙ ΟΙ ΟΜΑΔΕΣ ΜΑΣ

Δυστυχώς και μετά το βαρύ 3-0 της 'Ελλάς από το Μαρκόνι άρχισαμε να πιστεύουμε πώς ήταν όνειρο και μάλιστα άπατλή, ότι θα κάναμε φέτος πρωταθλητισμό και θα δάσαμε τά... γυαλιά στις ομάδες του Σύν- νεύ.

"Ίσως ή αλήθεια να είναι πάντα πικρή αλλά ακόμη θρικόμαστε αρκετές παρα- σάγγες μακριά από τους συλλόγους του Σύννευ και είναι αδύνατον από την μία ή- μέρα στην άλλη να τους κτυπήσουμε και να τους πάρουμε τα σκίπτρα.

Μαριάζα λοιπόν και φέτος είμεθα οι κομ- πάροοι. "Ήδη μετά την 8η αγωνιστική ή 'Ελλάς πέρασε στην τρίτη θέση με 9 βαθ- μούς έναντι 14 της πρωτοπόρου Ιταλικής ομάδας του Σύννευ Μαρκόνι.

Η Τζέστ βρίσκεται στην 11η θέση και ό 'Αλέξανδρος που πέρυσι μάς είχε δείξει τά 'εδόντια' του προμείνει στην τελευταία 14η θέση του βαθμολογικού πίνακα του έ-θνικού μας πρωταθλήματος.

Φυσικά οι εύθυνες πάτα πέφτουν στους προπονητάς και τους διοικούντας. Είναι γνωστό αυτό. Γνωστότατο και μία άποψία μέσα στον αγωνιστικό χώρο έχει τά επα- κόλουθά της.

"Ετσι άφοι ήδη οι συζητήσεις για τόν Μέγα δίνουν και παίρνουν, τώρα άρχισαν και οι ψίθυροι για τήν 'Ελλάς.

"Ήταν κάτι που οι ψύχραιμοι φιλάθλοι τό περίμεναν. Γνώριζαν πώς μία άποτυχία της 'Ελλάς θα δημιουργήσει πολλά έρωτηματι- κά, κάτι που δέν θα ύπήρχαν άν ή κυανό- λευκος παρέμεινε άήττητη.

Οι πολλοί διωας φιλάθλοι έχουν αντίθετη γνώμη και μάλλον άν δέν δούν νίκη κυττά- ζουν, πώς και τί, νά θρουν τό εξλαστήριο θύμα που θα τό ρίξουν όλα τά θάρη μάς ήπας.

Κάτι τέτοιο είδαμε στό Μίντλ Πάρκ τήν περασμένη Κυριακή και πολύ φοβούμεθα πώς θα δούμε κι' άλλα και θα άκούσουμε άν οι φιλάθλοι μας δέν αλλάζουν τακτική και νά σκέπτονται ψύχραιμα.

Κι όταν λέμε ψύχραιμα έννοούμε πώς θα πρέπει νά χειροκοπούν τις ομάδες μας άκόμη κι όταν χάνουν.

Στό ποδόσφαιρο και ο' ένα άγώνα παί- ζεται τό 1, τό 2 και τό X και κάθε άποτέ- λεσμα είναι πιθανό.

Φυσικά κάθε αντίπαλος κυνηά τήν νίκη αλλά άλλοιμονο άν μία ομάδα κέρδιζε συ- νεχώς!

"Ετσι κοντά στις έπιτυχίες έχονται και οι άσχημες ήμέρες και άκοίως ο' αυτές τις στιγμές έπιβάλαει νά είμεθα ψύχραιμοι, σωστοί, άντικειμενικοί και νά δοηθήσουμε τήν ομάδα μας με κάθε τρόπο γά νά ξα- ναθοή τόν σωστό της δρόμο.

Μόνο έτσι θα πάμε υποστού κά θα γί- νουμε πρωταγωνιστά! στό έθνικό πρωτάθλη- μα.

Πάνος Γεωργίου

\$8000 fee beats Adams

Keith Adams of Ringwood City, who was being chased by Phillips League team Brisbane City, will play with Ringwood for the rest of this year.

Adams wanted to go to Brisbane City, but Ringwood was demanding \$8,000 — \$5,000 above what the Brisbane club offered Ringwood.

Brisbane City wanted Adams immediately, as injuries had left it undermanned. However, even if Adams had appealed against Ringwood's price it would have taken three

Brisbane couldn't wait that long. Adams was extremely disappointed with Ringwood.

"I've served the club for several years," he said, "and now it had ruined by big chance to get into the P.S.L. The \$8,000 fee was far too high, as Ringwood don't treat me as an \$8,000 player."

Brisbane City subsequently signed Savro

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ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001

SECRETARY: Carmine Picorello (08) 337 0241

COACH: Edmund Kreft

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington.
(08) 31 1844

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **WESTERN SUBURBS** at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD, 4077

SECRETARY: Simon Boequehm, (07) 372 2891

COACH: G. Vincze

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
(07) 52 5328

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue stripe

This week's match: v. **NEWCASTLE KB** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001
Club Phone 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711

COACH: D. Ford.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd, Mayne.

SPONSOR: **Alitalia** Airlines

This week's match: v. **CANBERRA CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 7, Canberra A.C.T. 2600

SECRETARY: H.G. Leslie bus (062) 81 1313

COACH: J. Warren.

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

SPONSOR: **BRIAN POLLOCK** Ford

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

- 61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker, 30 3344 (mornings)
663 4576 (afternoons)

COACH: Gerry Chaldi

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe, N.S.W. Phone (02) 660 7431

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This week's match: v. **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park on Schintler Reserve

SPONSOR: **JAT** YUGOSLAV AIRLINES

This week's match: v. **ST. GEORGE** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm.



FITZROY UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

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SECRETARY: S. Karanikolopoulos (03) 41 3048

COACH: T. Boggi

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melbourne.
(03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Black & Gold

SPONSOR: Goldair Travel

This week's match: v. **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at Barton Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: V. Morizzi, Bus. (02) 72 2433

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park

SPONSOR: Rosso Antico

This week's match: v. **WEST ADELAIDE** at Marconi Oval (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE LIONS** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: S. Boqnar, Bus. (02) 630 2744

COACH: I. Takacs

GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green

This week's match: v. **FOOTSCRAY** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm.



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64,
ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos, Bus. (03) 211 1247

MANAGER: D. MacLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's match: v. **EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181
SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

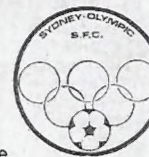
SECRETARY: N. Smilas, Bus. (02) 72 0661

COACH: T. Anderson

GROUND: Erskineville Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskineville

SPONSOR: Patra Fruit Juices **patra**

This week's match: v. **FITZROY UNITED** at Barton Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311

COACH: J. Margaritis

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh

This week's match: v. **MARCONI** at Marconi Oval (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



WESTERN SUBURBS

4 WILLIAM ST., FIVE DOCK, N.S.W., 2046

SECRETARY: G. Stratford, Bus. (02) 713 8672

COACH: M. Laing

GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **ADELAIDE CITY** at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

